

# META Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

September 11, 2020

9:00 – 10:00 AM



In attendance: Everett Holm, Brian Norwood, Branson Rogers, Jeredene Mayfield, James Krippes, Mindy Obert, Robert Parker, Paul Kozlowitz, Rich Lawrence, Kirk Miller, Kimberly Scofield

Not in attendance: Carol Phillips, Scott Baldwin, Adam Toombs, Brad Somers, Glenn Wehe, Travis Baumann

Presiding – *Everett Holm*, META President

## **AGENDA**

### **Call Meeting to order and Introductions**

1. **Approval of [META Board Reorganization Meeting 5-20-20 DRAFT Minutes \[Action\]](#)**

Brian Norwood made a motion to approve the minutes; Jeredene Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **META Business**

1. Filling Vacant META Board of Director Seats

Rich stated that Glenn Wehe is no longer at Evergreen Schools so he will work to recruit someone to fill Glenn's position as the NW Director.

2. Consideration of Rescheduling the META Board Retreat

Everett suggested rescheduling the META Board Retreat on October 9th and 10th for approximately three hours each morning (8:00 - 11:00 on the 9th and 9:00 - 11:00 on the 10th). The retreat will be offered virtually with the possibility of a few members (Board members) onsite in the SAM office. Everett also encouraged board members to register for MCEL that is scheduled for October 15-16.

3. **Reports to Include Reopening of Schools in your area**

1. President Report – *Everett Holm*

Everett reported that Browning is provided fully online learning and plan to reevaluate before the beginning of each quarter. Staff trainings have been taking place. The district has been dispersing jet packs and iPads to students. Parent training has also been taking place so parents are able to help their children connect virtually.

2. President Elect Report – *Carol Phillips*

No report.

3. Past President and CoSN State Chapter – *Brian Norwood*

Brian reported that Lolo is back to in-person learning with the option to learn remotely. Approximately 20% of students are working remotely.

Brian reported that virtual training information will be coming from CoSN soon.

4. South East – *Branson Rogers*

Branson reported that Ekalaka still has had no reported COVID cases but are preparing for the possibility of an outbreak.

5. South Central – *TBD*

No report.

6. Central – *Adam Toombs & Scott Baldwin*

No report.

7. 4 Rivers – *Mindy Obert & Brad Somers*

Mindy reported that some students are learning remotely in her district and those onsite are wearing masks. Students learning remotely join each class via Google Meet and participate just as if they were onsite.

Mindy reported that 4-Rivers had a meeting during the summer and awarded Brad Somers the META Technologist of the Year Award. The region members plan to continue to meet this fall to discuss what is happening in their districts.

8. Western – *Paul Kozlowitz*

Paul reported that Missoula has implemented a modified schedule and approximately 2000 students are learning remotely.

9. Northwest – *Glenn Wehe*

Rich Lawrence reported that 26 teachers are teaching remotely in Kalispell. Three of the major ISPs have been working to provide internet access for students, however the district is paying for the service with Cares Act funds. Rich stated that he has a staff member assigned to providing assistance to remote learners. Rich stated that a large influx of parents chose to homeschool, however after parents learned the requirements of homeschooling, the majority of them decided to send their children to school again.

10. North Central – *Jeredene Mayfield & James Krippes*

Jeredene reported that most districts in the North Central region have implemented a blended learning approach. In her district only one teacher at each level is teaching remotely with the rest of the teachers working onsite. James reported that hot spots are being taken on buses to areas where needed. Jeredene stated that the local tribe is paying for internet access for students qualified to receive tribal benefits.

11. Hi-Line – *Robert Parker & Travis Baumann*

Robert reported that school started at Rocky Boy August 26th. Enrollment at his district has increased so there are not enough devices for all of the students in need. He has been working with the local ISP to set up routers for students without internet access. He plans to push out Team Viewer so he can more easily offer tech support. The school board will be voting soon whether or not to move to blended learning.

12. North East – *TBD*

No report.

4. **Advocacy Update** – *Rich Lawrence & Kirk Miller*

1. [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020](#)

Rich reported that adequate bandwidth for schools was discussed during Delegate Assembly along with removing the 10-year limit for tech levies. Student Data Privacy was also discussed. He stated that more work is needed to try and require more support from OPI for the implementation of HB745. Kirk stated that the advocacy package that was approved by the Delegate Assembly will be voted on by the SAM membership at the annual meeting on October 14th.

2. SAM Legislative Network 2021 (SAMLN21) – [Description](#) & [Forming the SAMLN21 & 2019 Info](#)

Kirk described the SAM Legislative Network process and invited board members to participate in SAMLN21. A call for participants will be launched in October. He asked each region director to be sure someone from their region participates in the Legislative Network if they do not participate themselves.

3. Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#)

4. [Federal Issues](#) Update

5. [2021 Legislative Session](#) ([2019 Legislative Session](#) SAM Example)

5. **Open Discussion** - Items brought to the Board by Regional Directors

Rich stated that META has been working toward integrating technology into education for many years. While it has been difficult, COVID has provided an opportunity for better education technology processes to be developed. Everett stated that he has seen teachers become more self-sufficient with technology and become more innovative in their teaching methods. Paul stated that he believes that moving forward an online education option will always be offered.

Kirk thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged directors to organize region meetings so all META members have the opportunity to connect in a rich conversation as took place during this meeting.

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

**META CALENDAR**

[SAM and Affiliates Schedule of Conferences and Board Meetings](#)

Respectively Submitted,  
Kim Scofield  
Director of Member Services and Professional Learning