

SAM Board of Directors Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Sunday, January 26, 2020

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Room 108



In Attendance: Peter Hamilton, Dale Olinger, Laurie Barron (UberConference), Craig Crawford, Mike Perry, Jake Haynes, Cathy Maloney, Michelle Halberg, Rick Duncan, Marlin Lewis, Shelley Andres, Nicole Trahan, Barb Droessler, Justin Helvik, Shawn Hendrickson, Pam Meier, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

Not in Attendance: Brian Norwood, Cal Ketchum, Casey Klasna

President Hamilton called the meeting to order at 11:17 AM.

Agenda

1. Introductions

President Hamilton provided introductions of SAM Board members in attendance.

2. Deletions/Additions to Agenda

None noted.

3. Approval of Minutes

1. [SAM Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 11-26-19](#)

Mike Perry made a motion to approve the minutes; Michelle Halberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mega Issue Discussion

1. [Contemporary Issues](#)

Kirk reviewed the [Contemporary Issues](#) document focusing on the following:

- Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators
- Educator Loan Repayment (HB 211) and Implementation of the National Board Teacher Stipend Program
- Results from the REL NW survey for educator shortages in Montana. The next steps will be toward marketing the resources districts already have in their areas
- Montana University System program to assist with recruitment and retention
 - MSU Rural Teacher Project - student teachers will be placed in rural areas
 - Rural Mental Health Project - placement of counselors in rural areas
 - “Grow Your Own” project
- Progress on Broadband Connectivity
- Implementation of the DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments
- Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project and the implementation of HB 745. The resources are ready for implementation. Peter mentioned that it has been difficult to figure out all of the apps that are being used in each school in the Polson district.
- MT-PEC Flexibility PD Series and the access to the deep-dive sessions
 - Kirk encouraged board members to share how to access these resources with their affiliate board members.

Peter asked about progress on the Espinoza vs. State of Montana case. Rick stated that a ruling will not take place until June. Kirk will post a progress summary soon. Michelle stated that CASE is also following this case closely.

Laurie stated that NWMASS has been discussing the bus inspection form and standards. One district in the region has installed 6ft stop arms. She stated that OPI is looking into changing some of the inspection form. The rules are mandated by OPI and not by the Montana Highway Patrol.

4. Old Business

1. [SAM Strategic Plan 2018-2022](#) Review - [Executive Director Strategic Plan 2018-22 Report 2nd Qtr 2019-20 1-26-20](#)
Kirk reviewed the strategic plan report
2. [SAM LPLP 2019-20 Mid-Year Executive Summary](#) and [LPLP Financial Report](#)
Kirk reviewed the executive summary. Rick stated that he feels the program is helping our administrators and will continue to impact Montana schools. Kirk stated that the data is beneficial when talking to legislators, possible business sponsors, and community members. Kirk also reviewed the financial report. Kirk described the MSU grant through OCHE. He stated that UM and Rocky have also contributed to SAM LPLP.

5. New Business

1. Consideration of [SAM Needs Assessment 2020 Executive Summary](#) and [SAM Needs Assessment Data Disaggregated by Affiliate 2020](#) [Action]
Kirk reviewed the survey. Rick stated that this year MASS members stated that early education funding is important (in 2020) but did not indicate this in the 2019 survey. Kirk stated that principals indicated that MCEL does not provide offerings that are beneficial to them and would be working with the MCEL partners to develop a track for principals at MCEL 2020.

Rick Duncan made a motion to approve the reports; Shelley Andres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Appointment of the MAEMSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative - Replacement of Current Representative - [MAEMSP President Request](#) [Action]
Craig reported that Bruce Whitehead will be leaving the DA Steering Committee and he would like to appoint Matt Lewis. The appointment is pending MAEMSP Board approval.

Dale Olinger made a motion to appoint Matt Lewis to the DA Steering Committee; Marlin Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of SAM Business Partnership with FICO – [Request Form](#) [Action]
Kirk reviewed FICO's request. He stated that FICO also contributed \$500 to LPLP in addition to their business partnership.

Craig Crawford made a motion to approve the business partnership; Laurie Barron seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mike Perry stated that he has had mostly a good experience with FICO but he has had problems with the HVAC in elementary school that they installed. They are working to mitigate the system.

Motion passed with one opposition (Mike Perry)

Reports

6. President's Report – *Peter Hamilton*

Peter asked members to encourage their district administrators to attend their affiliate conferences for the great professional development that is offered. He thanked the SAM office for all of their work.

7. Executive Director's Report – *Kirk Miller*

1. [SAM Board Executive Director Update 1-26-20](#)

Kirk referenced the report. He reviewed the MUST Multidistrict Agreement to offer multidistrict health insurance agreements to schools across Montana. Kirk believes that the formation of this type of agreement may help with legislation during the next session.

8. SAM Financial Report - *SAM Investment/Finance Committee*

1. [SAM Financial Report FY 18-19 and FY 19-20 2nd Quarter](#) and [Business Partners](#)

Kirk reviewed the report that was approved by the SAM Finance/Investment Committee prior to this board meeting.

2. Review Affiliate Financial Reports – [MASS](#), [MAEMSP](#), [MASSP](#), [MCASE](#), [META](#),

Kirk stated that these reports were reviewed by the SAM Finance/Investment Committee prior to this board meeting and are available through the links on this agenda for review of the entire SAM Board.

3. [Review Investment Committee Balance Report 2nd Quarter](#)

Kirk reviewed the balance report that was reviewed by the SAM Finance/Investment Committee prior to this board meeting.

9. [Membership Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reviewed the membership report. SAM has the most members it has ever had in the organization's history. MASS gained a seat on the AASA board due to their increased membership. Kirk stated that increased membership is due to regional directors reaching out to potential members in their regions. Rick stated that through LPLP he has found that members he works with do not utilize their member benefits.

10. Affiliate Reports – *Affiliate Presidents*

- MASS - Mike reported that the national conference is in San Diego in February and MASS/METAtechED will be in Helena, March 23-24, 2020. Retirees will be honored at the spring conference.
- MASSP - Jake reported that MASSP is excited for the conference. He suggested the possibility of districts scheduling a PIR day during the Montana Principals Conference as he has heard of one district doing.
- MAEMSP - Craig stated that Jake and Shelley have put together a great agenda for the conference. Craig stated that No Kid Hungry will be presenting an award during the conference and Governor Bullock will be discussing Breakfast After the Bell.
- MCASE - Michelle reported that MCEC is scheduled for February. She stated that there has been an increase in CEC membership from Montana. She thanked administrators for encouraging their teachers to join their national organization - CEC. Michelle explained how valuable attending MCEL was to her, especially hearing Jamie Vollmer's message and the discussions at the SAM LPLP CLN sessions. She encouraged board members to consider MCASE membership for any district administrator working in special education.

- MACSS - Cathy reported that their spring conference is in Sidney, April 21-22, 2020. Rural Teacher of the Year (1-120 student districts) and County Superintendent of the Year (Co SOY) applications are open. Co SOY will be recognized at the evening of excellence. She asked board members to send nominations to their county superintendents. Cathy stated that she will be attending NREA conference in DC.
- META - No report

11. Advocacy Report

1. [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#) – Rick Duncan (DASC Chair)
2. SAM Delegate Assembly [DRAFT Call for Positions and Resolutions 2020](#) – Rick Duncan (DASC Chair)

Rick stated that the SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee will be meeting in June. The call for Delegates will be coming out soon. Resolutions and Position statements will be due by May 1st. He explained the Delegate Assembly process.

3. Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees, Upcoming & Legislative Week](#) (Jan 13-17) – Kirk Miller
The interim education committee has been meeting and there have been conversations around special education, especially for co-ops. He thanked Michelle for serving on the Special Ed Coop panel that continues to inform the EDIC about the issues. Kirk stated that vaping is a hot topic from the last session. He sent an email to Representatives Anderson (HB 413 sponsor in 2019 legislative session) and Curdy (key vaping elimination advocate) outlining the vaping break out sessions at the Montana Principal Conference.
4. [Federal Issues](#) and [Federal Ed Funding for 2020-21](#) – *Affiliate Federal Relations Coordinators*
Rick stated that resources concerning the Espinoza case are available on the SCOTUS website. Federal funding (HR 1865) recently passed the House and Senate and was signed by the President. More information can be found on SAM website.

12. Future Meeting Dates

1. 2019-20 SAM and Affiliate [Conferences](#) and [Meetings](#) Schedule
2. Consideration of revisions to future SAM Board Meeting Schedule [Action]
The SAM Board meeting will remain on scheduled date - March 24, 2020. The SAM office will send a poll to the SAM Executive Board to choose a date for the SAM Executive Board Meeting.

13. Adjournment

Marlin Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Michelle Halburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Kimberly Scofield
Director of Member Services and Professional Learning