

SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Meeting 7-9-20 Notes

SAM Office or [ZOOM](#), 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Invited: Rick Duncan (Chair & MASS), Tamra Covington (MCASE), Paul Furthmyre (MASSP), Jack Eggenberger (MACSS), Rich Lawrence (META), Matt Lewis (MAEMSP). SAM office: Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review of [SAM DASC Meeting Notes 6-9-20](#)

No changes noted.

3. Current Positions and Resolutions
 - Review of Advocacy Positions of Montana Education Associations to determine alignment ([MT-PEC Partner Priorities](#)) ([MTSBA](#)) ([MFPE](#)) ([MREA](#)) ([OPI](#))

MTSBA has an approved platform. The OPI document outlines the priorities of the agency. The adjustments made to HB 351 were not approved by the Interim Education Committee.

- [SAM 2020 Advocacy Positions Approved by DASC 6-9-20](#)
- [SAM 2020 Advocacy Resolutions Approved by DASC 6-9-20](#)

This type of document with strikeouts, etc, will be used during Delegate Assembly so Delegates are able to see what has been worked on by the Steering Committee.

- Discussion of [SCOTUS Espinoza Decision 6.30.20](#)

Decision: SCOTUS overruled the MT Supreme Court. MQEC is working on a rebuttal because the decision is in contrast to Article 5 of the MT Constitution. The SCOTUS decision was a 5-4 split.

- Discussion of SAM Advocacy Priorities for Upcoming 2021 Legislative Session

Action statements determine priorities so they will not change for the 2021 session.

4. Consideration and Proposed New Positions and Resolutions
 - [Proposed Resolution 20-01 Sp Ed Funding Flexibility Tuition Fund Reserve Approved by DASC 6-9-20](#) – Rick Duncan

MCASE agreed that Maintenance of effort language was not necessary in the resolution.

Paul Furthmyre made a motion to approve amendment deleting whereas related to maintenance of effort; Tamra Covington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tamra Covington made a motion to approve the resolution; Matt Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- [Proposed Position – HB 745 MCA 20-7-1236 Online PPI](#) – *Rich Lawrence*

Rich explained the rationale for the proposed position. Rick suggested taking time to review the document and present it to the caucuses on July 29th and present it to the full assembly on the 30th. Kirk suggested that Rick and Rich work on preparing a position statement that will be sent to the steering committee for approval before Delegate Assembly.

Matt suggested a position statement dealing with return to school during the pandemic and providing local control and flexibility for reopening. The word “pandemic” was added to Resolution #01/18-4 at the last DASC meeting. Matt would like to see something more definitive. SAM supports local control of flexibility in issues around implementation during a pandemic. Rick suggested that a Position could be added to Page 6: Local Control. Matt will work on that proposal.

Proposals must be finalized by July 17.

5. SAM Virtual Delegate Assembly 2020 Process

- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020 Delegates and Alternates](#)

Matt is going to verify list with Craig Crawford and to add an alternate. Jack is going to check with Cathy Maloney about serving as an alternate.

- [Induction and Orientation of New Delegates](#)

Kirk will send information to delegates following this meeting. Kirk asked that DASC members attend the New Delegate Orientation. It is the responsibility of the DASC members to run the caucus for their affiliate. Each caucus will need an electronic note taker. All edits will be sent to Kirk after the caucus meeting so they can be added to the packet for the full assembly the following day. Kirk suggested that the changes could be made in the chat room for the SAM office to review.

- Caucus Duties

If you have questions, refer them to the SAM office or your DASC affiliate member. A disclaimer indicating the caucuses and delegate assembly will be included. The recording will not be made public but only be used to complete DA work.

- [Agenda](#) for the Delegate Assembly
- SAM Delegate Assembly [Order of Business, Rules & Procedures](#)

Add a section to bylaws addressing the protocols that will happen during the meeting.

- [Letter to Delegates](#)

The letter will be sent to all delegates following this meeting. The additional position changes and any changes will be emailed to delegates before the 29th.

6. Review of SAM Legislative Network 2021 ([Description](#)) ([Forming Email](#)) ([SAMLN19 Members](#))

The message will go out in the fall to all affiliate board members.

7. Review of Recent Advocacy Issues for Consideration

- State Tribal Relations Interim Committee Bill Draft [PD0007HS](#) establishes graduation requirements for youth who've experienced homelessness, been in the child welfare system or the juvenile justice system, or experienced a medical or mental health crisis - [Info](#)

Rick sees some problematic areas, specifically in the definition, which is fairly broad. Kirk and Paul also see issues with this bill draft. SAM will track the progress of this bill draft through the State Tribal Relations Committee.

- RECAP – [White House Summit on Safely Reopening America's Schools](#) – [NASSP Info](#)

This comes as a result of discussions about reopening schools across the country. Paul will forward information about a meeting being held on July 16th with the National Infectious Disease Society.

- Can SAM support Montana flavored e-cig rule? – [Info](#), [MAR Notice](#), [DPHHS Press Release](#), [MFPE Support Letter](#), [MT-PEC Considers Support Emails](#)

Kirk suggested a response from SAM to be completed by July 16th. The DASC agreed to have Kirk draft a letter of support to DPHHS opposing flavored e-cigarettes.

- OPI flexibility requests of Board of Public Ed – [OPI Requests](#), [MT-PEC Response and Feedback](#)

OPI is attempting to make changes to administrative rules that are under the Board of Public Education's responsibility. In this case around licensure and accreditation. MT-PEC opposes any action that would result in a loss of continued funding by CSPAC and its operations. Kirk believes COVID funds should be used for this loss of funds. SAM has positions supporting the role of the BPE. SAM has joined MT-PEC in writing specific recommendations for each of the areas OPI is recommending be changed in Licensure and Accreditation. The BPE meets on July 16 to consider these recommendations.

8. Other Items

The position statements that Rick, Matt, and Rich are working on will be completed by July 17th.