

SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Meeting Notes 5-7-20

Present: Rick Duncan, Matt Lewis, Jack Eggensperger, Rich Lawrence, Paul Furthmyre, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Tamara Covington (voted via email following the meeting)

Rick called the meeting to order at 3:37 PM.

1. Funding Priorities - CARES Act 2

Rick provided CARES Act 1 monies. Request from national organizations (AASA, NASSP, NAESP) for SAM to endorse CARES Act 2 monies. If approved, the letter would be copied to the national affiliates.

Jack made a motion to approve the endorsement; Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kirk will prepare and send the letter to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

2. Equitable Distribution:

OPI will have 10% of the monies to disperse. There has been discussion to disperse some of the money to private, nonpublic entities. Currently, the following is dispersed to public, nonpublic in Montana: \$206,000 Title II. However, the suggestion is to follow Title I guidelines which would provide \$1.5 million to private, nonpublic schools. The guidance is inequitable and would greatly impact public schools in communities with large private schools (Billings). Kirk would like to provide AASA with this information from Montana. AASA, NAESP, NASSP have asked for SAM to endorse a letter that would be sent to Sec. DeVos. Rick stated that the exact enrollment number is unknown. Senator Tester would also like feedback on this issue.

Matt made a motion to approve the endorsement; Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kirk stated that this guidance went out to states on Friday. He believes that MT OPI plans to proceed with the suggested allocation of funds. The OPI has asked county superintendents for numbers of homeschool and private school students are in their counties.

Kirk will prepare and send the letter to AASA, NASSP, NAPSP. Dollar figures for MT. And follow up directly with Sen Tester

3. Closing the e-rate homework gap:

CoSN and AASA are asking for SAM to endorse letters requesting e-rate funding.

Paul made a motion to endorse the letters; Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Rich stated that this is one of the main issues META was founded on and it continues to be an extremely important topic.

Kirk will prepare and send the established letter link with SAM endorsement (AASA, and CoSN are using the same link. Kirk will include SAM and all affiliates in the endorsement.

4. SAM Delegate Assembly has been moved to July 30th.
5. The deadline for Resolution/Position has been moved to June 1st. A reminder will be sent to the SAM membership.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.