

MASS Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, September 18, 2016

6:00 pm

Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman

MINUTES

- Present:* Laurie Barron (President), Randy Cline (Past President), Tobin Novasio (President Elect) Tiffani Anderson (Northeast), Ross Farber (Southeast), Teri Harris (South Central), Bart Hawkins (Hi-Line), Mike Perry (Western), Annette Hart (Central), Loren Dunk (North Central), Robert DoBell (4 Rivers), Dennis Gerke (Federal Relations), Kirk Miller (SAM Executive Director), Pat Audet (SAM Associate Director)
- Absent:* None
- Vacancy:* None
- Guests:* Candy Lubansky, Deputy Superintendent - OPI
- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Barron at 6:02 pm.
- Introductions:* Board members and guest introduced themselves.
- Mega Issue:* Montana ESSA Implementation – Laurie starts the conversation about the planning format and introduces Candy Lubansky to go over the MT ESSA Planning. Candy covers the goals and guiding principles of ESSA. She also outlined the time-line for getting the ESSA Plan in place (intended submission date is Dec. 20 to submit to ED). Candy asked for any questions especially focused on the accountability. Laurie asked about options being expressed for accountability at one of the planning meetings. Options expressed at first Sept. 26 meeting. Randy asked about Title and a different process for Title programs and Part B. Bart asked about how the election will impact the ESSA plan. By the ESSA being completed before the transition of new supt, it will be a road map for the new state supt. March will be the deadline for the ED to be accepted from the Dec. 20 submission. Inauguration of new supt will be January. Dennis mentioned that AASA is working for more time from the March deadline – peer review teams will need to be up and ready within 120 days. Robert DoBell asked about the district ability to determine process like AdvancED for accountability. Candy brought up the plan about lessening the data collections to access progress of schools/students. She also brought up access info for ESSA on that tab on OPI Website.
- Deletions/
Additions:* Tobin – Future of the Fall Conference plans for combining with MCASE and the date.

*Approval
of Minutes*

March 13, 2016 Minutes

Motion by Loren Dunk to approve the March 13, 2016 minutes; seconded by Cal Ketchum

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

OPI Report

Candy Lubansky, Deputy Superintendent started out by discussing the SBAC test results and scores continue to rise. The ACT scores have also been analyzed for the 11th grade and those continue to rise – between the two, 4th grade math and Native American scores are still a challenge.

The Montana Learning Center is a great place to hold Professional Learning – LEAD (Math) held a week long workshop last summer. Math Circles Project continues to work on process of transitioning students from MS math to HS math. OPI has applied for a CTE planning grant looking at employability skills. College Application week is Oct –Nov 4; help students to complete the FAFSA process. Science standards have been adopted by the BPE – these went through the negotiated rule process. A grant will be applied for to continue the Schools of Promise process. Laurie mentioned that the time it takes to generate the student reports for the SBAC process is lagging. You can download them now but that is a time-consuming process.

President's Report

Laurie Barron reported on the Fall Conference agenda for Monday and Tuesday. She discussed the rationale behind combining conference with MCASE. The ability to share excellent speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors is a huge positive. She also described the agenda and upcoming events in the conference.

Laurie reported on the MASS School Board awards and the process. She also gave a brief description of this year's MCEL plus pointed out the MCEL website. Laurie also described the AASA National Conference in New Orleans, March 2-4, 2017.

Laurie also went over the dates of Day of Advocacy and MASS Spring Conference and some events were described for both those days – March 13-14, 2017.

Pat gave a report on the MASS membership and the SAM membership – 194 current MASS numbers – 945 current SAM members.

Laurie also reminded everyone that SAM advocates at not only the State level but at the Federal Level and described the most recent process last July. She also described the issues that were discussed at that conference in DC.

President-Elect

Tobin Novasio reported on the process of the AASA conference Incentive Award. There were 5 applicants – winners will be announced tomorrow at the luncheon.

Regional Reports

Northeast Region: Tiffani Anderson describes how they move their meetings around the region. She also described how teacher retention is also a big issue. OPI site for job opening is now better. She described their first meeting in Glasgow – TRS retirement, OPI report – TRS issue – Days of annual employment 180 vs. 260 for most supts. She also described upcoming events and presentations. Bea Kaleva or Tony Koenig will do 504 trainings.

Hi-Line Region: Bart Hawkins reported on the first meeting and the big issue of the teacher recruitment and retention. He described some specific issues with teacher recruitment. There is a crisis in the region; Northern is a major player.

Southeast Region: Ross Farber also mentioned that teacher recruitment and retention is also a major problem. He also mentioned that there are 4 new supts. The E-cigs presentation was also good – Menard. Enrollment figures have decreased slightly. Infrastructure needs are big in the region.

South Central Region: Teri Harris discussed how their meeting is the last Wed. each month so have not met yet but described the agenda of the first meeting.

4 Rivers Region: Robert DoBell discussed their first meeting – 35-40 present. Tena Versland reported from MSU. Rick gave an update on SAM advocacy at the state level. Robert also gave a presentation on #samedchat, twitter, use of tweet deck. MQEC will also give a report coming up. Pediatric Cancer Awareness – Belgrade – He described different events coming up to raise money and awareness. CPT services were also discussed – Medicaid services.

Central Region: Annette Hart gave a report on their first meeting – Al Sipes was at their first meeting. They also had a manufacturing-CTE presentation. There was also a presentation from TORCH who help in drug abuse info and awareness pinpointing certain grade levels. There was a question of a possible Facilities manager affiliate w/ SAM?? Report on that coming on next meeting.

North Central Region: Loren Dunk reported on the first meeting and described the speakers and discussion. K-12 enrollment is at a slight increase throughout the region – expediting teacher licensure for out of state staff.

Western Region: Mike Perry described their first meeting and education programs at UM – Dr. Evans. She discussed the needs of the state for education programs. Bea Kaleva always gives a legal update – 504 plans are current issue – 504 training is a must within the last year. MQEC was also there – 40 in attendance. There are some issues of concern – SPED Coops. There are a few changes in the supt lineup in the west.

Northwest Region: Cal Ketchum described their first meeting with a light agenda – MSU speaker came in on the manufacturing process (CTE). He also described future speakers from MQEC, OPI, SAM, LPLP etc. Bond elections are a big topic in the region.

Federal Relations Dennis Gerke described the advocacy conference in DC last July and importance in making connections at the Federal level. Each participant took a topic and discussed this with our Federal reps. He mentioned more about ESSA and the accountability back to the state level. He discussed some more on ESSA and pointed out the Noel's AASA blog. There is going to be a call for evidence based processes. There will be a mandate of 95% of the students that need to take the test. Two different dates of deadlines for State ESSA plans – Mar or July of 2017. He also mentioned some other specifics of ESSA mandates.

*Delegate Assembly
Steering Committee
Report*

Rick Duncan, Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Chairman, discussed the 4 major platforms of the SAM delegate assembly. He took one issue at a time with Teacher recruitment and retention. Opposition to school privatization, SPED funding, and Facility funding. Rick described the process of the Delegate Assembly with stressing the action resolutions. He reached out to the region presidents for getting region membership a part of the SAM Legislative Network. He also pointed out the Delegate Assembly page on the SAM website.

Executive Director

Kirk Miller started out by thanking the MASS board members for their service. He also mentioned that SAM will be a part of the Teacher recruiting task force. Kirk also described the MTPEC request and support of changes for Chapter 57 and the flexibility of licensure for out of state educators. Kirk also reached out to the regions that the SAM office will come and present at the region meetings. He also described that he may recommend business partnership, organization, and university presentations at your region meetings – it is totally up to the regions on what you want for presenters.

Kirk then covered the MASS budget from 15-16 summary and also went over the 16-17 budget. Rick inquired about investments based on the new Investment Policy – SAM Investment Committee. MASS is fiscally sound at this time!

Kirk also discussed the transition of the SAM database – Filemaker Pro to MemberClicks. He mentioned some of the positive effects that will come about from this new data base.

Kirk went through the CoSN membership and how the SAM members that have a META member, now can become CoSN members also within the Montana State Chapter.

Kirk pointed out the information on current RISE4MT process. He also described the MTPEC testimony provided to the SFIC DRAFT Final Report and that gaps were not met; equity and adequacy were not met.

He finalized his report by showing what the current business partnership status is to date. (add ICLE)

Old Business: *None*

New Business

Add to the evaluation – Questions on the date in September and the combination with MCASE?

September 18 and 19, 2017? Is this a problem or conflict with ACE?

What's on your Mind:

None. Reminder that breakfast is at 7:15 tomorrow.

Adjourned at 8:07 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Audet
Associate Director

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