

MASSP Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 17, 2015

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Bozeman Gran Tree Inn

President Paul Furthmyre Presiding

President's Report – Paul Furthmyre opens meeting at 8:05 am – Peter Fusaro led the group in the Pledge of Alliance.

Membership – Paul reported that there are 214 members this year for MASSP; one more than last year.

Paul talked about next year's NASSP conference. NASSP is 100 years old next year – this will be a very festive conference in Orlando. It is \$100 off from registration fee if you register early. MASSP has an incentive award for attending the conference.

Paul discussed the SAM Administrators Institute and the preliminary agenda set for week of July 27-30, 2015. He also mentioned that experienced principals can be involved the roll-a-like for new leaders at the New Leaders Workshop on July 27. He mentioned the keynote speakers. Paul described his positive experience in the 21 CLI which will have a workshop on the last day of the institute July 30.

State Coordinator's Report – Paul described what was going on at the Federal level. As an example of federal level advocacy, he discussed the attempt of getting rid of the “principal” in ESEA bill and calling it “Head of School”. This was stopped through the advocacy process with State Coordinators and educators across the state acting on it.

Paul described the relationship and interaction with the MT federal representatives of Tester, Daines and Zinke. He also described the leadership and advocacy conferences that meet with these federal reps. Kirk added information on the MT-PEC position on ESEA and where it is found on the SAM website.

Paul discussed the Delegate Assembly and the process that is set up each June at the SAM office. This is an important process to develop

positions and resolutions for the legislative sessions at the federal and state level.

Executive Director's Report – Kirk Miller

Kirk opened in discussing the professional development and the 13 conferences that are offered. He also asked for any questions on legislative issues.

MASSP Finance and Budget Report – Paul Furthmyre, MASSP President

Paul went over the MASSP current and proposed budget for 2015-16. He described the budget as strong, well organized, and healthy. Revenues and expenses balance out.

Peter Hamilton motioned to approve the 2015-16 budget and Dennis Davenport seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

NASSP Ignite Conference 2015 Report – Joel Graves, NASSP Conference Scholarship Winner, went through his experience at this year's conference in San Diego. He described it as excellent and a great experience. He encouraged the membership to apply for this award.

MASSP Candidate Forum – Les Meyer, MASSP Past President – Paul gave this introduction in Les's absence. Paul described the ballot process for voting on the 2nd VP.

Candidate for 2nd Vice-President – Joel Graves gave a brief speech as the only candidate for this position.

Unfinished Business - Paul mentioned the conference survey will be coming out this morning and encouraged the membership to fill this out and give feedback.

Paul also brought up National Honor Society and Student Council and how MASSP-NASSP sponsors these organizations. Gordon Klasna brought up how important these organizations are at the junior high level also.

Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Audet
SAM Associate Director