

META Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

9:00am – 11:00am

Great Northern Hotel

Helena, MT

Minutes

Present

Kirk Miller, Pat Audet

Brian Norwood, Russ Hendrickson, Glenn Wehe, Mark Branger, Brad Somers, Dave Dobbins, Deanna Flemmer, Mindy Obert, Anita Freeman, Talia McCurdy, Mindy Obert, Todd Lark (10:45)

Absent

Kelly Veis, Travis Baumann, Rich Lawrence

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Russ Hendrickson at 9:00 am
Introductions were made.

9:00 Russ **Called the Meeting to order, Approval of Agenda and 1-11-17 Minutes**

- [META Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-11-17](#)
- Motion by Dave to approve the minutes; Seconded by Glenn
Vote: Approved Unanimously

9:05 **Mega Issue Discussion**

Topic: [Update – 2017 Legislative Session](#) – Kirk described the materials on the SAM Legislative Network page of the website. He also described the process of the SAMLN. Kirk went over the SAM Bills list. Kirk and Russ described the HB 390 bill to the board. Kirk and Russ also talked about Digital Academy funding. Kirk went through how a bill goes through the process of legislation (how a bill becomes a law).

9:45 **Old Business**

- Review of code opportunities available in MT – committee report (Russ, Mindy, Todd, Brad, Rich, Deanna) – Big Sky Code Academy, MT Digital Academy, OPI Teacher Hub and other sources. Russ touched on the history of this component from the last board meeting. Mindy suggested to do a shared doc to place each finding; Brad has a connection at Bozeman that he will check with. MT Code Girls is a program that Russ is working with. Mindy will put the shared Google doc together and will out it out to the whole META board. META will ultimately vet this project.
- [Membership Update](#)
Pat gave a membership report of SAM as a whole – 1018 from 987 last year; and META being the largest jump from 90 to 107 from last year. The board also looked at prospective members on the shared Google sheet of memberships.

10:00 New Business

- Discussion of META Dues 2017-18 – Russ described the CoSN membership and continuing the same dues or adjust. The board looked at the budget first and came back to this item. Group rate for membership dues depending on school size, company size (institutional membership model). Committee to look at a different dues structure:

Motion by Glenn to create a subcommittee; second by Anita.

Vote: Passed Unanimously – Glenn will chair this committee.

- [META 2017-18 Proposed Budget](#) – Russ described the 17-18 proposed budget for proposed income and expenditures. Kirk described the last year final budget and current year budget and how that provides the proposal for next year. A discussion took place about conference registration fees. Would conference group rates be a possibility depending on school size or company size.

Motion by Glenn to approve the 17-18 Proposed Budget; seconded by Brad

Vote: Passed Unanimously

- META Erate Consulting Plan – *Rich & Todd*
 - [NCCE Partnership with META](#)Pat gave a report on the current partnership model with Erate and history of building this. Part of the big picture analysis is to see what schools are covered by Jack Sterling and John Hubley or doing fine locally. Todd added the advocate the power of the META in being able to help out. Adding NCCE will be giving the power of the experienced base – Eric will provide some training for META members – train the trainer – invite supts, clerks from districts. META will be able to help or maybe be able to contact a true erate provider. NCCE will partnership with META on the approach of helping districts in MT with need – empower those in need.
- META Security Sub-Committee Planning – Russ discussed the relationship and partnership with MASS in partnering with META for network security. Ultimately there will be a network security package that will be dispersed with the help of the supts.

10:15 **President Report** – *Rich Lawrence (absent)*

10:20 [Executive Director Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

- Kirk described the new website and database of SAM with MemberClicks. He also mentioned how conference registration and memberships will be different and look. He also showed the SAM LPLP 2017-18 Resource Center promo video from Tom Unwin. He described the LPLP changes and defined this for the board.

10:25 **Regional Director Reports** – *Regional Directors*

- W - Deanna reported on Univision – Sophos;
- NE - Anita reported on the struggle of getting members together for meetings. Anita will be moving out of the NE next year; she is trying to recruit another member for Region director.
- NC - Dave reported on the new co-region director – Talia McCurdy; discussions on CoSN; Great Falls will be hosting; Liz Cunningham will be presenting for NC.
- NW - Glenn reported on NW region meetings – 29 school districts. There are only 8 META members. Glenn is working on how to recruit more members. Connection with the Supt. and becoming part of the MASS region meetings and plugging memberships.

- 4R - Mindy reported on attending MASS meetings; had 3 META region meetings. They had the free lunch and CISCO; meetings are open to everyone. Brad stated that they are on the MASS superintendent region list for meetings.
- SC - Mark stated that their region visited Roundup's new school and took a tour. Discussion on CoSN; Rachel Pie project; anti-virus and firewall protections as a discussion
- C - John reported on the SC joint meeting – Roundup school tour – MAC look; John reported that he will be looking at recruiting a new region director; due to health issues.
- SE - Branson reported on two meetings – build it, they will come. Attendance is low but looking at that.

10:45 **Committee Updates**

- [CoSN State Chapter update](#) – *Russ Hendrickson* reported on the benefits of the CoSN and what a wonderful value add it has been. Dave described the idea of retirement later on for META members – he talked about that he would not have any interest in CoSN certification offers. Some of the other members in NC region expressed the same concern. Are we getting the value out of what we are paying into it? Nobody else is interested in CoSN in Dave's school. Dave stated that we need to do an annual review of the benefits. Russ described that the certification model is only one piece of the membership – other value. Todd also stated that the connect with supts can also be a way of describing the value of CTEs and being beneficial for the district. Todd also brought up the discussion of offering a META scholarship for doing the CTE. Deanna stated that she gets a lot out of the CoSN website and having access to various resources.
- General Committee & Strategic Plan update – *Rich Lawrence (absent)*
- Advocacy Committee – *Todd Lark* mentioned on the resolutions and delegate assembly – SAMLN17; Todd reported at NE MASS in Sidney; gave shout out to META and their advocacy.
- Professional Learning – *Brian Norwood* reported on the conference starting this afternoon and the various speakers, exhibitors, etc. Todd brought up the combining of conferences.
 - [METAtechED Conference 2017](#)
- Organization Development – Brad Somers reported on Mark putting together the policy work for META and getting this into a draft for the board to look at. Board will need to look at this draft and provide input. This will be put on the New Business
- Technologist of the Year - *Brian Norwood* reported on the process of selecting the winner from nominations with a review team. Announcement will be made at the Annual Membership Meeting.

10:55 **Open Discussion** - Items brought to the Board by Regional Directors

Glenn motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dave; Adjourned at 11:37 am.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Audet, SAM Associate Director.

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