

**School Administrators of Montana
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2017
SAM Office & UberConference – 10:00 am
Helena, Montana**

MINUTES

Present: Paul Furthmyre, Rick Duncan, Jon Konen, Lance Boyd, Rick Chrisman, Tobin Novasio, Peter Fusaro, Dan Kimzey, Peter Hamilton, Brenda Krueger, Jen Cline, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet

UberConference: Randy Cline, Dale Olinger, Laurie Barron, Steve Engebretson, Dennis Guerke, Joel Graves, Chris Stout?

Absent: Jessica McWilliams

Call to Order: President Paul Furthmyre called the meeting to order at 10:25 am; Introductions were made.

*Deletions/
Additions:* None noted

*Approval
of Minutes* SAM Board of Directors Meeting Minutes on October 20, 2016
Motion by Brenda to approve minutes, seconded by Lance.
Vote: Approved Unanimously

Mega Issue Discussion

- **2017 Legislature and Advocacy of the SAM Legislative Network**
 - Kirk discussed the current activity at the legislature and the process of the SAM Legislative Network – SAM Goal of Advocacy, DA Resolutions, and SAM DA Priorities. Kirk demonstrated the legislative webpage on the SAM website.
 - Kirk then described the Governor’s Budget. He mentioned the Governor’s objective of Early Education and increase in education funding. He then described the SECTION E of the budget – 50% of the statewide general fund; 33% is K-12.
 - Inflationary increase is \$57 million – HB 191 is carrying this increase; being voted on at 1:00 pm today. Kirk also described the cuts that are in the budget - \$22.4 million – subtract this from the \$57 million and education is only getting around \$33 million. We will get \$10.3 million back from NRD payment eliminated and move into the GTB (property tax relief). Those in the oil and gas regions will now lose this money.
 - Advocating efforts are to keep what we already have in place. SAM believes that there will be a zero balance at the end of the session – nothing added but nothing decreased. The law does say that schools will get inflation; in this case \$57 million. This is in HB 191 – however, a

companion bill may come to take this away and education could be at zero when all is said and done.

- Kirk next discussed the SAM LN and how communication and reports are done. With this, he described the very first SAM Legislative Update 1/13/17 (handout).
 - Big Picture – HB 191 (\$57 million) will pass the house and be sent to the senate. To meet the goals of the sub-committee on HB3 – to consider the \$24 million cuts, and a companion bill of some nature – the \$57 million will be gone.
- Next, Kirk described the SAM Legislative Network and process. He emphasized rules on being able to lobby and advocate – refrain from using the school’s equipment unless you are working under the umbrella of SAM hence the Legislative Network when there is a call for action to do so from the LN. SAM will try and put out any calls for action in the evening but sometimes it will take making the call during the work day.
- Kirk then showed the legislative schedule for next week. Board likes the update and schedule process and wants this continued.
- RANDY CLINE JOINED THE MEETING AT 11:45 AM

Old

Business:

1. SAM Strategic Plan 2014-18 Update – Paul reviewed the strategic plan and emphasized that the work is not complete. Kirk described what has been done so far in the SAM Board Strategic Plan Progress in the 2nd Quarter Report (in green). An extended conversation took place about the LPLP and what direction it can take. Funding and process are important aspects where SAM is looking at support from higher education and other entities. Is the LPLP a good conduit to get many goals of education done in the field with new administrators, district processes, etc? Partnership with MTSBA, MASBO, MREA, etc? LPLP will be discussed again SAM Executive Board Meeting to create a forward plan. Spotlights from those that have participated in the past posted on the website? Networking is the key also. Title I money used as professional learning (GEAR UP money) and other avenues that a district could use.
2. Review of the 2016-17 Montana District/School Leadership Staffing Report – Kirk described the rationale of the report and how this is used – efficiency of administrators and administrative numbers across the state. Jen suggested to find a way to monitor how much administrators deal with SPED also and provide reasoning to why there is SPED coordinators and the huge spectrum it covers. This could be a request to look at in MCASE and see how data could be acquired on this aspect.

New

Business:

1. *Consideration of SAM Business Partnership with Montana Army National Guard*
Kirk described this rationale of connecting between the National Guard and the membership of SAM. He showed the brochures, etc from the MNA. Kirk recommends the partnership.

**Motion by Tobin to approve this business partnership; seconded by Rick.
Vote: Approved Unanimously**

2. *Consideration of SAM Needs Assessment Survey 2017 Results* – Kirk described the results of the survey. Paul asked about the experience of the Survey participant – may not be knowledgeable about programs. He then went through the recommendations. Add the LPLP to the March SAM Executive Board Meeting.
3. *Consideration of process for SAM Appointee to the MUST Board of Directors* - Kirk described the process for getting a new appointee on the board – there are now 10 members that are interested in this position (2.5 years for the term). The board will vote electronically on the candidates and appoint the winner.

President's Report:

Paul reported and encouraged more leadership and participation in SAM activities for example, SAM Legislative Network. He stated his appreciation of the SAM office.

Executive Director's Report:

Report: Executive Director's report is on the SAM website. Kirk reported on the new management software and website – MemberClicks and the extensive transition that it takes. He showed the website to the board. Final transition is not quite known as of yet but we are getting ready. He also mentioned the business partnerships in adding \$180,000 from these partnerships – diversified and excellent! He also discussed the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest docs for signature of each board member (4.B has MQEC – typo in the Conflict of Interest Statement – board members line it out and put SAM).

SAM Financial Report

1. [SAM Investment/Finance Committee Report](#) – Paul described the history and reviewed the report. He went through the 2nd Quarter SAM Financial Report emphasizing certain line items. Paul described the investment process – 60/40 split on stocks and bonds. He then described the MFP – Management Fund Program – Board voted to approve this. DA Davidson team will manage the portfolios for SAM – they are the research team. Paul also mentioned the net worth line items that Kirk projected on screen. SAM and MASS are at the threshold for reinvesting.
2. Update on Andersen ZurMuehlen SAM Financial Review 2015-16 Kirk described these this process along with #3 hinging on this review.
3. Update on 2015 Tax Form 990's for SAM and MASS

Membership Report:

Pat Audet provided an update on 2nd quarter 2016-17 membership totals (a copy of report is attached to these minutes)

- 1008 members as of Dec. 31, 2016 – 974 at that date last year, 2nd quarter.
- SAM is currently at 1012 total at this time for 16-17. There was a total of 987 for 15-16.

- **What percent of administrators in the state are SAM Members? We can look into this and provide an analysis – see if we can report this by the SAM Executive Board meeting in March.**

Affiliate Reports:

MASS – Laurie Barron reported on the Fall Conference. She also mentioned that Day of Advocacy in unison with the MASS Spring Conference. She mentioned that there is an issue with OPI consideration of not sending OPI rep to MASS region meetings.

MASSP – Dan Kimzey reported on the awards being opened up soon for MASSP. Encouraged deserving principals to be nominated for the POY. He mentioned the winner of the APOY - Shanna Smith from Belgrade. He also mentioned and described the MASSP Spring Conference coming up in April. Joel Grave takes over the presidency in April.

META – Rich Lawrence reported on META Retreat; working on strategic planning and advocacy. The METATechEd conference is being planned for this March. He also mentioned the work on Erate. ESH and digital equity.

MAEMSP – Jon Konen reported that their conference is at the end of this month. Lance talked more specifically and described the speakers at the MAEMSP conference. Elsie Arntzen will also be at the conference for Q and A. Anybody have other questions?

How does she stand on privatization issues?

How is she going to support public education?

How is she going to support the ESSA report/plan that has gone to the Feds?

How would she propose score analysis from statewide testing? CRT? PreACT?

ACT? Under contract with Smarter Balance for 2 more years. Measured progress until 2019.

Why did OPI take a stance on just being informational and not advocating during the legislature?

Email Jon with any other questions you might have.

MAEMSP continues to advocate electronically and looking forward to combined conference in Philly.

MCASE – Jen Cline mentioned the great work going on advocacy (thanked Verne and Tim for their work) She also mentioned health issues with MCASE leadership but will be covered.

MACSS – Steve Engebretson reported on the Spring Conference in Helena; he mentioned the main speaker for that from NREA. Transportation is coming up all county sups are busy.

Legislative

Update: Rick Duncan, Delegate Assembly (DA) Steering Committee Chair, reported that there is a great turnout of SAM LN participants this session. He reported on the house floor that HB 191 passed 100-0. He encouraged everyone to look at the SAM how to video on how to testify. He had Kirk put up the contact info for legislators up on the screen plus the district mapping for Montana. Rick also described how you can watch and listen to a hearing from the Legislative website.

Federal

Relations: Paul reported on NASSP – Title II Part A – ESSA is the big topic. Betsy DeVos; there will be a conference call for coordination getting ready for National Advocacy.

Dennis (left meeting) Rick stated that Dennis sent out a great summary of the meeting with Tester and Devos.

Brenda reported that Elem advocacy from NAESP. She described an update on Betsy DeVos confirmation has been postponed due to more request of her finances. She also mentioned that ESSA will still be a large talking point and supporting this. She also discussed the non-support of non-discretionary funds to be cut. There is a webinar series that people can sign up of about ESSA requirements.

Future Meeting

Dates:

SAM Executive Board Meeting – March 12, 2017

SAM Board Meetings – January 13, 2017, April 7, 2017, June 15, 2017

Kirk also mentioned Caucus Day on the Hill on Feb. 13 and Day of Advocacy on March 13. He also mentioned the speaker that is coming on March 13 also.

Can an OPI representative be at SAM meetings to report

Adjournment **President Furthmyre adjourned the meeting at 2:57 pm.**

Motion by Peter F. to adjourn, seconded by Rick. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patrick R. Audet
SAM Associate Director