MINUTES

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

General Meeting: 8:55 a.m.

Call to Order: Chas Hagan

Thank you for breakfast: Cambridge Educational Services

Cambridge Educational Services: Kent Dymak

MSDE: Karen Salmon, Maryland State Superintendent

✓ Introduction; advocate for public education. She will not lose her “local perspective” of public education
✓ Short- and long-term goals for the state:
  o Comprehensive plan to implement new federal law and provide a great quality education for each student. This is “not just rhetoric”. Spoke of cultural competency and increased opportunities for ALL students.
  o Next Year – Equal Opportunity Schools
    ▪ 30 high schools in state
    ▪ Access: Identify minority students who should be in IB programs and make sure they are enrolled and meeting success by the following year.
  o New models for low performing schools. Currently working in Baltimore City. Creating “Promising Principals” and “Promising Teachers” programs.
  o New hire – Researcher at State Department to help identify what the research shows are the best practices. Goal – MSDE becomes purveyor of best practices and pass it on to us.
  o Communication – working to improve internal and external communication to guarantee concise, clear and consistent communication
  o Regulations – a lot of old regulations in place. Working to delete obsolete regulations and update what needs to be modified
  o Regionalize MSDE - people and offices
  o Certain things moving to local systems, such as maintenance reviews, special education audits and financial audits.
  o College and Career standards – expecting PARCC scores to increase now that it is a high school graduation requirement and teachers have taught standards another year
  o Careers – long-term goal. We need to stop thinking that every child will go to college right after high school. We need a renewed focus on careers and career education
  o Early childhood programs – We need to invest here. She wants to push for universal pre-k.
  o Improving teacher quality – We need to improve programs in Maryland; most of the teachers in Maryland come from out-of-state.
  o Teacher induction, retention and recruitment
ESSA
- Maryland put draft in during September 2016
- Final draft goes in during June 2017
- Accountability system still in draft form – she is supporting a “dashboard” so we can look at factors other than a test to measure the greatness of our schools
  - 5 listening tours
  - Online survey (many teachers responded)
  - MSDE Board is engaged; policy-driven board. She is “on-the-ground” doing the work.
- PARCC – wants to make this a smaller test soon
- Shared new MSDE publication
- Questions:
  - Too much testing
  - Reconstitution of schools (past → future)
  - Only 19% of a student’s life is in school
  - ED students on the Eastern Shore
  - School leadership
    - Consider attending a superintendents’ conference – great PL

President’s report: Chas Hagan

- Acknowledged Monique Davis, Assistant Superintendent of PGCPS (brief welcoming remarks)
- Scott’s doing a great job!
- Reminder about MASSP spring conference (details below)

President-elect report: Julie Janowich – no report

Past-president report: Dwayne Jones

- Thanked Dr. Davis and PGCPS for increasing graduation rates
- Reminded folks about spring conference and summer conference (NASSP & NAESP conference)

Minutes: Online

Treasurer’s Report: Kent Kramer

- 2 treasurers reports emailed
- Scott thanked Kent for his hard work; budget is complicated

NASSP Coordinator Report: Nick Novak

- Last conference call was prior to DeVos nomination
- NASSP did make a statement against her nomination
- Concerns about future under DeVos – Title One, charters, etc.
- Topics discussed:
  - Suspensions / OCR complaints
  - Grading
- Advocacy conference
  - April 24-26
    - Join federal grassroots network to advocate on Capitol Hill
- Stay involved; stay informed! Our voice matters
NASSP Board of Directors’ Report: Robert Motley

✓ Echoed Nick’s report
✓ Will be on Capitol Hill in March
✓ Encouraged folks to come to Philadelphia for the first join principals’ conference

Executive Director’s report: Scott Pfeifer

✓ Report on the back of agenda [attached]

MPSSAA Report: Pat Saunderson

✓ Summary distributed from February 2017 retreat [attached]

Professional Standards Board: Chas Hagan

✓ House Bill 458 – Visual Impairment Bill
  o Teacher certification included in first part of the Bill. Advocating for all teachers to take an online test about visual impairment. Unknown if this will be a one-time test, or each time there is a renewal. Standards Board is asking for the removal of this part of the Bill (pertaining to certification).
  o Feb 14 – hearing when House Bill will be discussed
  o Feb 15 – Press conference
  o Feb 22 – Senate Bill
  o Date for vote: unknown; unclear if it will get any further
  o 16 co-sponsors
  o Facebook website “Let Them See Clearly”; perspective of Bill supporters
  o Possibility if this passes, auditory impairment could be next
  o Who is sponsoring Bill? Chaz will email this information
  o We can use Chaz’ letter to contact politicians

P-20 Council: Rob Willoughby

✓ Meeting February 27
✓ 2 reports:
  o College and Career Readiness Implementation
  o P-20 Report

ESSA Committee Update: Stephanie Farmer

New Business:

Voted for these officers to be put forth for vote at the state conference

- President: Julie Janowich
- Past-President – Chaz Hagan
- President Elect nomination: Stephanie Farmer
- Treasurer: Kent Kramer
- Secretary: Melissa Shindel
• Approval of 2017-18 budget
  o Reviewed budget
  o Drop in membership this year; counties impacted by budget cuts
  o Motion to accept and bring forward to membership at spring conference by Dwayne Jones; Second by Nick Novak. All in favor, no one opposed. Will bring forward at spring conference.

MASSP Meeting Schedule:

• March 30 at 5 pm in Cambridge prior to spring conference
• May 13 at Glenwood Middle in Howard County

Future workshops/Conferences:

• MASSP Spring Conference:
  • March 30 - April 1, 2017
  • Cambridge Hyatt
• Aspiring Leaders Workshop: Prepare for Leadership
  • February 25, 2017
  • 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
  • Century High School

Meeting Adjourned: