



MASSP Executive Board Meeting

May 13, 2017

Website: www.md-massp.org

Location: Glenwood Middle School, Glenwood, Maryland

MINUTES

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

General Meeting: 8:55 a.m.

Call to Order: Julie Janowich

Thank you for breakfast: Newsela – Presentation by Craig Culhane

- ✓ <https://newsela.com/>
- ✓ Variety of non-fiction resource articles, published on 5 different reading levels (max level = 9th grade reading level)
- ✓ Cross Curricular (started as ELA), speeches, biographies, primary source documents, some in Spanish
- ✓ Current events
- ✓ Tech sets
- ✓ Not a test prep, but will help prepare for PARCC b/c it's in the "PARCC format"
- ✓ All articles come with a quiz, writing prompt and ability to make annotations
 - **Free version –**
 - Access to articles (free version)
 - Students will not know the difference if we have the free/paid version
 - Cannot see the result of students' work
 - **Newsela Pro (pay version) –**
 - \$5 - \$15 per student, depending on district level involvement
 - More access
 - Can see individual students and skills they are struggling with
 - Can modify writing prompts
 - Can see result of students' work
 - Access to item analysis
 - Access to different features such as progress in my class, overall progress in all classes, reading levels, percentile rank, time spent on an article, quiz average, color-scale for anchor skills, all articles read (by teacher and independently)
 - Students can be grouped based on progress (outperforming, on track, etc)
 - Software is adaptive (after a certain amount of quizzes)

MSDE: Presentation by Cecilia Roe

- ✓ Maryland Teacher Leadership Summit, "Teach to Lead" Summit (flyer provided)
 - Started last year
 - July 18 & 19 at Philip Merrill Environmental Center
 - Teamed with US Ed
 - Interested in sending a team?
 - Need to come with a problem or practice
 - Meet to solve problems over the course of 2 days
- ✓ Peer Coaching Collaborative (flyer provided)
 - Started last year
 - School teams working on a problem, practice or initiative in their schools
 - 5 pathways: SIP, SLOs, support for new teachers, formative assessment, NBC teachers
 - Grant funded, we get resources. For example, some teams asked for books, swivel cameras (peer observations), substitute money, etc.
- ✓ General updates
 - Moving forward with ESSA plan
 - Adjusted the timeline due to new legislature in MD
 - State Board working to wrap up accountability issues (over next 2 months)
 - June – 2nd draft submitted to state board and then we'll have a 2nd public opinion survey that will close on August 10. **Please give feedback!**
 - When DeVos came in, she changed guidelines and templates so things had to be re-done. This created a delay. Wanted to have 4 iterations, but will only have time for 3. No open-ended questions on final survey.
 - PARCC – PARCC inc. is going to dissolve; PARCC states still own the intellectual property (many Maryland educators wrote items). The test that replaces it will still be called something else, but will still be called PARCC. We asked that they bring the impact this long test to folks who make decisions, such as the time and resources this drains, and the impact on the amount of time kids are on screens. Each county will put together an assessment group – join your county's group and have your voice heard!
 - Title IIA – Funding just cut significantly. Concerns about what will eventually happen when the new skinny budget comes out next year.

President's report: Julie Janowich – Push for membership this year

President-elect report: Stephanie Farmer

- ✓ Went to Capitol Hill
- ✓ Received training on how to communicate, how to write advocacy letters

Past-president report: Chas Hagan

- ✓ Julie is doing a great job!

Minutes: Online

Treasurer's Report: Kent Kramer

- ✓ Minutes emailed – questions? Let Kent know
- ✓ Overall financial status – a few lines items we've reviewed; we are well within budget and in good shape.

NASSP Coordinator Report: Nick Novak

- ✓ We need to make sure we are involved
 - Funding for teacher/principal training and Title 2A
 - Let's add an "Action Advocacy" item to our agenda so we send letters AT MASSP meetings (and local admin meetings in our own counties)
 - Scott: Can we have a representative be on a statewide advocacy committee, and have 5-7 people from around the state on this committee?
 - Nick: Can we set up a date in Annapolis to speak to state legislators?

NASSP Board of Directors' Report: Robert Motley

- ✓ 3 candidates for NASSP President, including Christine Handy from Maryland
- ✓ Conference is July 9-11
- ✓ Lamar – Student contest and activities committee (NASSP)

Executive Director's report: Scott Pfeifer

MPSSAA Report: Pat Saunderson

- ✓ 5 hour meeting on 4/27/17
- ✓ 1-page summary given

Professional Standards Board: Chas Hagan

- ✓ 3 year term is over. Does his name have to be re-submitted?
- ✓ Working on adjunct faculty certificate
- ✓ Working on: If you have a Bachelor's degree in education, you will not have to take the praxis in education in Maryland (only your content).
- ✓ 2 counties (Balt City and Carroll County) have asked for waivers for school year requirement from Governor Hogan (start / end dates)

P-20 Council: Rob Willoughby

- ✓ Advocated for Atticus Act

ESSA Committee Update: Stephanie Farmer

- ✓ Climate surveys (under ESSA)
 - Parent surveys

- Instructional Staff Surveys
- ✓ Framework of Indicators

New Business

- ✓ Review evaluation of spring conference and make decisions for next year
 - Reviewed evaluation feedback
 - Will have conference at the Hyatt next year, March 15 - 17
- ✓ Review plans for National Principals conference in July
- ✓ Identify workshop topics offered by MASSP next year and ways to increase participation
- ✓ Discuss formation of an MASSP committee focused on influencing legislation in Annapolis next year
- ✓ Report regarding NASSP's Federal Grass Roots network conference at end of April
- ✓ Other topics of interest
 - Truancy commission – Wants to get information from parents impacted by truancy. Can administrators submit to Gary, insights into truancy? Some folks blame administrators.

MASSP Meeting Schedule:

- ✓ Next year's schedule coming soon

Future workshops/ Conferences

- ✓ MASSP State Conference: March 15-17, 2018 at the Hyatt in Cambridge
- ✓ Design Thinking MASSP Workshop:
 - Speaker: Jason Markey from East Leyden High School outside of Chicago, National Digital Principal
 - Design thinking is rapidly spreading across the country as a new way to solve problems and develop meaningful strategic plans. Check out this two minute video for a quick overview of design thinking:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7sEoEvT8l8>
 - Location: APL in Laurel

Meeting Adjourned