

MASSP Steering Committee Meeting-2/10/07

Ms. Tabler's Interest from CD-We will send interest for the remainder of the delayed payment-\$249.69

Bill Bond Conference-Will be held at Hunt Valley Country Club on March 2.

Spring Conference Update-Finalists for the Middle Level and High School Principals of the Year have been notified

NASSP Conference-Ground transportation and breakfasts are set up. Some people are changing their reservation at the last minute. **We decided to go with a buffet for the breakfast meeting on Saturday morning.** The rooms are set up. We will be staying at the Riviera Hotel. You can buy a monorail pass, which appears to go everywhere.

Proposed Budget-Lodging and meals will stay the same. Gene has increased postage for recruitment. Gene has joined ASBO, which has a 75% discount from Staples if you join. Postage and supplies were increased. Salary and benefits-**A salary increase of 5% for the executive director was proposed** and travel has also increased. The federal rate **for mileage** is .445. Bill suggested that 5% is conservative. He also plans to review how much the bonus **described in the contract** will be in May.

Legislation-There are five position statements currently on the web. We are making inroads with legislators now. Each response **to a bill** costs us \$10 **for materials and postage. Gene cannot spend more than 20% of his time on this, or it changes our tax status.** TAKE OUT Gene reviewed the content of pending bills. He will be sending letters stating our position.

Newsletter-Will be coming out after we come back from **Las Vegas.**

Scott and Gene have been talking to Mary Carey and Jim Foran about getting involved in the leadership part of NCLB. In Title 2 it talks about principal leadership. Representative Sarbanes wants to make this his flag, and he is on the education subcommittee in the House of Representatives. He has asked Gene and Scott for their input.

At the Wednesday BOE meeting at the State-Nancy Grasmick asked Gene to make sure the principals know that they want to make high school assessments work, including alternative assessments. They are aware of all of the concerns.

MASSP Executive Board Meeting

February 10, 2007

Those in attendance were the following:

Bill Ekey	President/Connections Academy
Addie Kaufmann	President-Elect/Howard County
Gordon Sampson	Past President
Gene Streagle	Executive Director
Sally Pelham	Secretary/Anne Arundel County
Scott Pfeifer	NASSP Representative/Howard Co.
Jim Foran	MSDE
Jay Berno	Frederick County
Tony Thompson	Baltimore County
Sam E	Baltimore County
Richard McNeal	Queen Anne's County
Andy Dotterweich	Private Schools
Christine Handy Collins	Caroline County
Bill Wise	Charles County
Darryl Watson	Anne Arundel County
Wayne Perry	Harford County
Bob Bastress	Montgomery County

The meeting was called to order at 9:44AM.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as posted on the web.

Treasurers Report: There was one correction to the printout. Balances are the following:

CD SAT	10,689.40
MASSP Checking	11,014.07
Money Market	28,616.30
New Business checking	21,700.32
Total Bank Accounts	72,020.09

Asset Accounts

Dividend Income .7.11 no need for this

Total Asset Accounts 72,012.98

Membership-We now have 546 members. Last year we had 470 members. NASSP is about to launch a massive membership campaign. The treasurer's report was approved with one correction.

Executive Director's Report-Approximately 15 people have registered for the Bill Bond conference on safety to date-the conference is on March 2. Schools can bring teams, including teachers and counselors. The MGT Report was also distributed.

President's Report-No report

President-Elect-Addie Kaufmann is sending a ninth grade team to the Bill Bond Conference. Please put something out to the principals in your county. At the spring conference, Bill will be running the election. For the Assistant Principal's conference, Addie would like ideas for a theme, and ways to increase attendance. This will be discussed at the MASSP Conference. Last year Bill's format for gathering input worked well. One idea generated is working with APs on the use of data. We should continue to offer professional development activities for our members, and customize in response.

NASSP Coordinator-The travel arrangements to Los Vegas are complete. We now have 32 travelers. Anyone who is interested in a ticket should contact Tony Thompson. The hotel is ready, and breakfast is planned. Groups cannot get boarding passes 24 hours in advance. Travelers will meet at 5:15 AM

MSDE-MSDE is involved in revising the old Data Driven Decision Making Course previously taught by Roger Pancake. The new course will be available in September to principals and one other person from their school. If the principal has already taken the course it will be available to assistant principals in the school. The course will be offered in three areas of the state. Jim will teach the course, and participants will bring live data from their school. A mailing will be made to all principals. Registration should be faxed in, as spots will be filled quickly.

MGT Report is good news-there are considerable gains as a result of Thornton money.

AP Scores-There was a 19.9% increase in participation. Since 2001, the increase has been 18,000 students, or 105.3%. This is the largest performance gain in the nation. The percent scoring at 3 or above was 22%. In 2006 the Latino participation was 6%. African American students comprise 14%, the eighth highest number in the nation. The status includes both participation and the score achieved. For more information visit the College Board website. There were thirteen indicators to determine success. (Education Week) Maryland was ranked fifth in the nation.

HSA-The state is starting to look at data. Some geographic regions look worse than others. An individual student consequence for failure to pass is important. Some options under consideration are special education and ELL-should those special populations be removed and phased over a longer period of time? Another is to start with just the two NCLB tests required-reading and mathematics, and phase in Biology over time. The passing score could also be lowered. Nancy Grasmick has approached Gene Streagle to seek the input of MASSP.

Jim will be attending the Higher Education Commission next Wednesday to discuss the SOAR Report. Jim would like to quote HS principals when he delivers his decision. 20,000 students, or 37%, who go to institutions outside the state are not included in the report. 35% do not take the SAT or ACT, yet go on to college. Raw numbers are never reported, only percentages. The definition of core versus non-core students is also questionable. Data is derived from SAT questionnaires, and its validity is questionable. The way some questions are asked is also problematic. MASSP will offer to work with the Commission.

NCLB-Nancy Grasmick will be speaking to the freshmen congressmen about NCLB. The hearings are already taking place. Possible changes-special education and ELL. Schools may also be treated differently-those who miss proficiency by a little, versus those who miss it by a lot. There may also be a push to provide more funding. Right now only 25% of the cost of testing is provided. More technical assistance/teams may also be provided. Funding for leadership development is starting to get some attention, specifically Title 2 part A. MSDE would like to partner with MASSP to make some changes in NCLB. What should be in the reauthorization of NCLB, and what should it look like? Gene Streagle and Scott Pfeifer will speak with Mary Carey, Jim Foran, and Senator Sarbanes to continue to represent our position.

CEASOM-The last meeting was not held due to snow. The next event is April 18-Spring Forum, at Snyders West. More specifics will follow.

MAESP-no report

Private Schools-NCAPE has put out a position paper on NCLB. There have been 8 bills put out by the Maryland Nonpublic Schools Legislative Coalition. Significant bills include BOOST, a tax credit designed to provide Maryland's elementary and secondary schools with a means of leveraging significantly increased investment from their local business communities. It would allow corporations and small businesses to claim a 75% state tax credit. Textbook funding is another initiative.

Student Government-The legislative session was last Friday. There were five candidates for student member, State BOE. Two students, both from PG County, were chosen. Approximately 550 students attended. 823 were registered. This was a very successful activity.

Professional Standards Board-Met January 30. At that meeting the objective was to have an articulation dinner with the state BOE. Bill attended part of the state BOE meeting on teacher preparation. Six recommendations were made.

MPSSAA-Jay Berno reported that the new five year strategic plan is completed. It is on the website: www.mpssaa.org Many newly appointed principals do not understand all of the athletic issues that are arising, due to their focus on academic issues, etc.

The state and region track meets this year will have wheelchair races in most events. Up to 400 meters, a leg person will beat a wheelchair. After that, the wheelchair will win.

For the first time ever, swimming will be competing at the state level. There will be three regions. The finals will be at UMD on February 24. The new school classifications are out. There is a long standing issue on the table-out of season contact with athletes. Weight rooms should be supervised, as should all other gyms, etc., at all times before and after school. National Federation of High Schools has a \$35 course that informs principals of all of the athletic issues they need to be aware of. A monthly template or checklist for principals may be helpful. Jay will have the representative send Gene Streagle a monthly report that can be posted on the website.

Committee Reports

Spring Conference-Everything seems to be in order for this year's conference. Ronnie Bohn is the conference chair. The 2008 conference is from the 27-29 March at the Clarion as well. Jostens will be our official corporate partner, and will also sponsor an event. Herff Jones also wants to sponsor an event. VIRCO also will sponsor the AP of the Year Award. Lifetouch and Balfour will be Conference sponsors. Wayne Perry will be collecting door prizes.

Assistant Principals-The next conference is October 19, 2007 at Marriott's Ridge High School. The topic is "Out of the Office and Into the Classroom-Strategies for Assistant Principals".

Legislative-Gene Streagle distributed a list of House and Senate Bills. There are six position statements on our website. Gene will be meeting with Senator Raskin about our opposition to some bills, and would have liked to know of our existence before he posted the bill. We are starting to make some inroads. Gene reviewed the content of some bills.

Unfinished Business

Nominations-We are looking for nominations for President-Elect and Secretary.

MASSP-Contribution to Scott Pfeifer-We will keep this on hold. If Scott gets the nomination, he will be giving out his brochure on Sunday. He will need help outside that meeting supporting his candidacy, if he is nominated.

New Business