



MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION



MSAA Elementary Committee

MINUTES

*Annual Leadership Convocation
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM*

MSAA Elementary Committee Mission: Advise the MSAA Board of Directors in areas of leadership and service which MSAA will provide and expand where appropriate in support of elementary level administrators. Develop strategies for promoting MSAA membership among elementary level administrators. Organize and promote programs, workshops, and conferences on issues specifically appropriate for elementary administrators and schools. Recommend courses of action to the MSAA Board of Directors and through the Board to other standing committees.

1. *Call to Order*–10:26 Beth Wittcoff

2. *Welcome & Introductions*

- *Attendance: Julie Vincentsen, Ron Sanborn, Alice Shull, Rick Rogers, Tim Plante, Sean Scanlon, Marty Geoghegan, Stephen Wiltshire, Donna Traynum, Bill Knittle, Beth Wittcoff, Melissa Wallace, Kim Taylor, Bobbie French, Yolanda Burnett, Liz Garden, Dave Keim*
- *Yolanda Burnett will be the MSAA*

3. *Housekeeping*–Beth Wittcoff reviews both of these; C.O.I are collected along with pink mileage sheets

a. [Conflict of Interest Statements](#)

b. *Committee's Charge* – [Constitution](#)–Continuing to share in as many places as possible as so much work was done with this during the last school year, led by Past President Vincentsen.

4. *Election of Chair (enlist a member to take the minutes)*

- Bobbie French nominates herself to continue in the role she held last year. Alice seconded the nomination.
- David K makes the motion; Melissa W seconded
- Unanimous with no discussion
- Kim Taylor will be the secretary (Julie V will fill in if Kim is not in attendance)

5. *Approve Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2022* (no minutes could be located from April or May meetings last Spring)

6. *Discuss Committee Goals and Objectives for 2022-2023*

- See all notes below on upcoming initiatives, goals, and objectives of the committee.
- The hope is that there might be some overlap with other committees, specifically related to Teaching and Learning as an umbrella for many committees.

- EdCamp MA Leads—decision for changing the date to January 21st so as not to impact that preparation and planning around the Spring Conference

7. Update on DESE Early Learning Team's Work (the theme for this year's series is Play as an Anti-Racist Practice in the Early Years/Grades)

- Donna T provides update on all of the events that are being co-sponsored with the Early Learning Team and MSAA Elementary Committee. (Handout was provided with a summary of the year and all the events that have been planned.
- Donna also shared that the regional networking meetings will now be back IN PERSON (3 in December and 3 in April) December will be Western, Southeastern, and Central areas and April will be Berkshires, Greater Boston, and Northeast.
- Donna also provided an update on the Playful Learning Institute that is in developing through the Early Learning Team. This will be a two year initiative that will be piloted with 5 districts to start. Commissioner Riley mentioned his support of this concept in all grades PreK-12.
- Beginning discussions in the Early Learning Department regarding the implementation of Preschool Literacy Screeners.

8. EdCamp Play 2.0 (Wednesday, September 28th and Thursday, September 29th)--This was advertised in the Commissioners Update that was released on Monday. One will be an early morning option; one will be an afterschool option.

9. PreK-8 Spring Conference - Devens Commons

- Thursday, March 16, 2023 and Friday, March 17, 2023
- Co-Chairs: Kim Taylor and Stephen Wiltshire
- Focus will be on Play as an Anti-Racist Practice in the Early Grades
- Matthew Rodriguez and Dr. Nicole will be keynote speakers

10. Membership Advice—ongoing discussion with MSAA Board and staff

11. Determine Meeting Dates/Times/Sites—

- Next Meeting will be Monday, October 3rd at 4:00pm—virtual

Adjourn—11:05am

