

MassCAN Advisory Board Meeting – Wednesday February 24, 2016

In attendance: Hans Batra, Aimee Sprung, Shereen Tyrrell, Eric Conti, Bryan Jamele, Tripp Jones, Steve Vinter, Jim Stanton

On the phone: Rick Adrion, Carole Mahoney, Danielle Curio

Absent: Kalise Warnum, Tom Hopcroft

Time: 3:00 PM
Date: February 24, 2016
Location: Google Cambridge
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Cambridge, MA 02142

Agenda

President Obama's \$4B Computer Science Initiative
MassCAN Financial Update
Discussion of FY16 MassCAN Budget revisions
Discussion of Collective Impact process
Discussion of MassCAN Workgroups for

Discussion - President Obama's \$4B Computer Science Initiative

- While this announcement is great news and an endorsement for computer science educations, no one is anticipating that all the proposed \$4B will be available due partisanship in DC and gridlock.

Discussion - MassCAN Financial Update

- GE moving Boston helps MassCAN's argument and helps to move our agenda forward.
- Response from Secretary Peyser's office favorable, the initiative won't be in his top 5 items to prioritize.
- Bryan believes that tying this to Governor Baker's agenda priorities will get traction
- Tripp shares that many of his contacts feel that MA is well positioned and is way ahead of other states in promoting CS.

MassCAN Financial Update

- MACP – Bryan raised \$250,000 and there will be an additional \$10,000. This positions MACP as a real leader in the business community.
- Had a productive meeting with MTC to discuss the match fund process and
- Share the GE Foundation paper on collective impact

Discussion of FY16 MassCAN Budget revisions

Discussion of Collective Impact process

- There are concerns about how much it will cost to work with FSG.

Discussion of MassCAN Workgroups

- We are actively working policy, teacher PD, and public awareness, but have not focused yet on business engagement, district engagement or equity. Getting the working groups up and running will help to involve more people in advancing our agenda.
- Steve explains who the Leads group is and what their function thus far has been. As both advisory groups mature, it will make sense to consider merging the two groups at some point.

- Each working group will be self-directed and may be comprised of Leads and Advisory members as well as other industry experts. Each working group will need to figure out leadership, team creation, work to date and strategic plan, charter and goals and logistics.
- There was discussion around getting a handle on local (MA) programs that are promoting CS in some way. Because there is so much going on, we should build a resource bank of programs with similar priorities
- Something to consider: If all the workgroups are successful, what does a kindergartner experience moving through the MA K-12 school system? CS could be integrated throughout all courses, a new pathway alongside of biology, chemistry, physics, etc.
- We are working with Heather Pesky to help develop the licensure requirements teacher must have.