

## **MassCAN Advisory Board Meeting – Wednesday March 23, 2016**

**In Attendance:** Advisory Board Members Bryan Jamele, Carole Mahoney, Danielle Curcio, Eric Conti, Rick Adrion, and Hans Batra; Invited Guests Jim Stanton, Sherif Barakat, Tripp Jones, Pat Larkin,

**Absent:** Advisory Board Members Steve Vinter, Kalise Wornum, and Tom Hopcroft

**Acting Chair:** Eric Conti

**Time:** 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

**Location:** MITRE Corporation  
202 Burlington Road (Route 62)  
Bedford, MA 01730  
MITRE Center (C Building) Room 1C103

### **Agenda**

Review and Approve 2016 Budget Reallocation  
Discussion of FY17 Budget Strategy  
Progress on recruiting leadership teams for Policy and Teacher PD Work Groups  
Review developments related to Presidents Obama's proposed \$4B "CS for All" Initiative

### **Review and Approve 2016 Budget Reallocation**

#### **Discussion**

- Fundraising has been very challenging for a variety of reasons. Jim Stanton shared his plans to keep necessary activities moving forward by engaging FSG to train MassCAN boards and working groups in Collective Impact.
- MassCAN, EDC and MTC signed the FY16 contract in January. All parties are in discussions to explore allowing for MassCAN to spend state funds beyond the fiscal year should additional private match funds be received 6/30/16.

**VOTE:** Eric Conti, acting chair, called for a vote  
Bryan Jamele made a motion to: “approve a budget reallocation of \$100,000 from staff salaries to contracted services for the purposes of potentially contracting with FSG a consulting group specializing in a process known as Collective Impact.”  
Danielle Curcio seconds the motion  
No further discussion. Vote was 5 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention (Rick Adrion)

#### **Discussion of FY17 Budget Strategy**

- No discussion on FY17 – Given uncertainties of current legislative budget process Jim suggested we wait until there is more substantive information to discuss.

#### **Discussion – Progress on recruiting leadership teams for Policy and Teacher PD Work Groups**

- Jim has identified a leadership team for PD work group which will meet as soon as there is funding to support this group's work
  - Hans Batra – Teacher, Needham High School

- Josh Shelton – MIT App Inventor
- Sandra Cole – MITRE
- Renee Fall – UMass-Amherst ECS Hub Leader, CAITE, ECEP
- Fred Martin – UMass- Lowell CS Professor and National CSTA Board Member
- Jim is working on the Policy Workgroup and will continue discussions with perspective leadership.

**Discussion – Review developments related to Presidents Obama's proposed \$4B "CS for All" Initiative**

## \$4B Computer Science Initiative

1/30/16 President announces \$4B **Computer Science for All** initiative to provide 5 yr grants to every state based on submitting 3+ year strategic plan--equity is key focus

Additionally, a \$100M initiative to funding school districts directly

House Appropriations Committee must allocate funds for any of this to be real

In conversations with Code.org to develop national campaign to get state government and business leaders to weigh in with House Appropriations Comm.

Steve, Tripp and Jim communicating with Jim Peyser re MA playing a lead role and collaborating with RI Governor and other NE State Leaders

- Steve, Jim and Tripp are working to have Governor Baker partner with other Governors and state leaders to take out a full page ad of the attached letter in a national newspaper to urge Congress to provide funding for CS for All.

**Discussion – Review progress on hiring for three positions in FY16 Budget**

- With fundraising being much slower than hoped, filling these positions will await sufficient funds to proceed.
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Carole Mahoney moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Rick Adrion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 20, but that turns out to be school vacation week. We will poll the members to see if the meeting can be moved to Wednesday April 27 3:30p – 5p or, if it will be necessary to postpone until the scheduled May meeting.