

Massachusetts Computing Attainment Network (MassCAN) Advisory Board

Attendees: Rick Adrion, Carole Mahoney, Danielle Curcio, Mary Rose Greenough, Hans Batra, Eric Conti, Tripp Jones, Jim Stanton,

Meeting Chair: Steve Vinter

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Date: October 25, 2017

Location: MITRE Corporation

Agenda

Agenda review and approve July meeting minutes

Update on transition

- Transition 1: annual report, curriculum guide
- Transition 2: funding, one year support plan, budget

Financial review

Other news and discussion (group)

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVE JULY MEETING MINUTES

VOTE:

Eric moves to approve the minutes

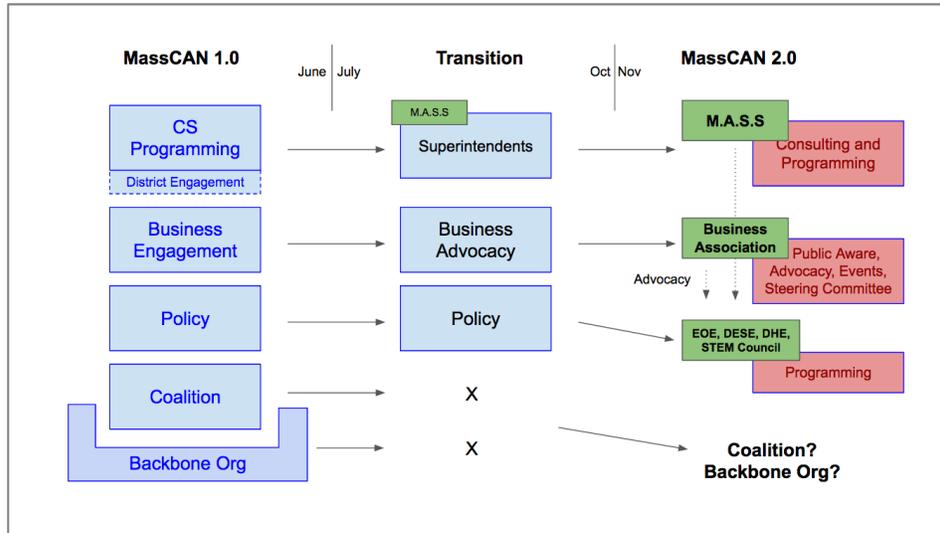
Seconded – Danielle, Rick

Ayes=Unanimous

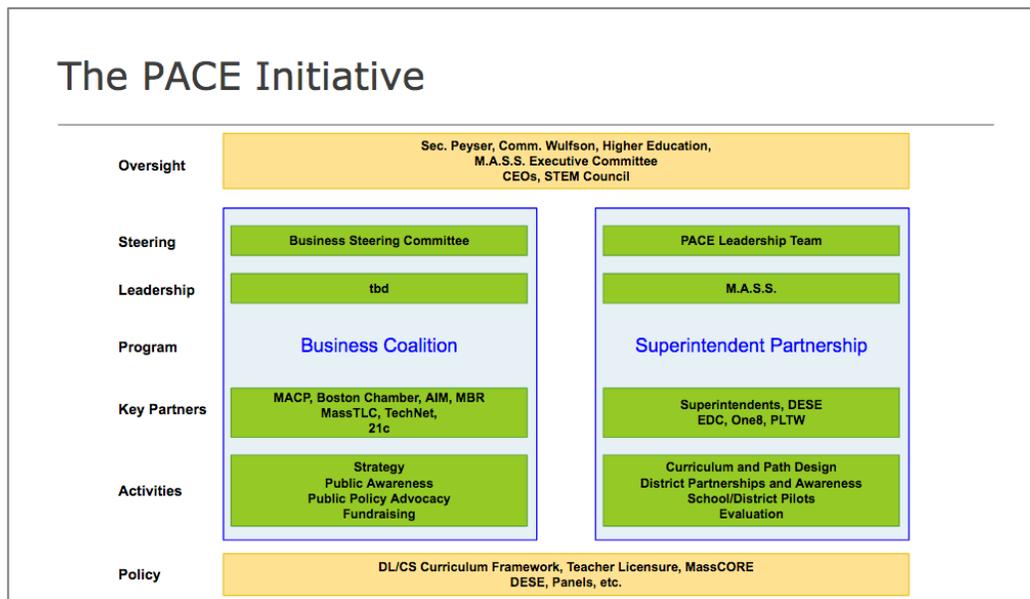
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The MassCAN 2.0 INITIATIVE



The PACE Initiative



Discussion:

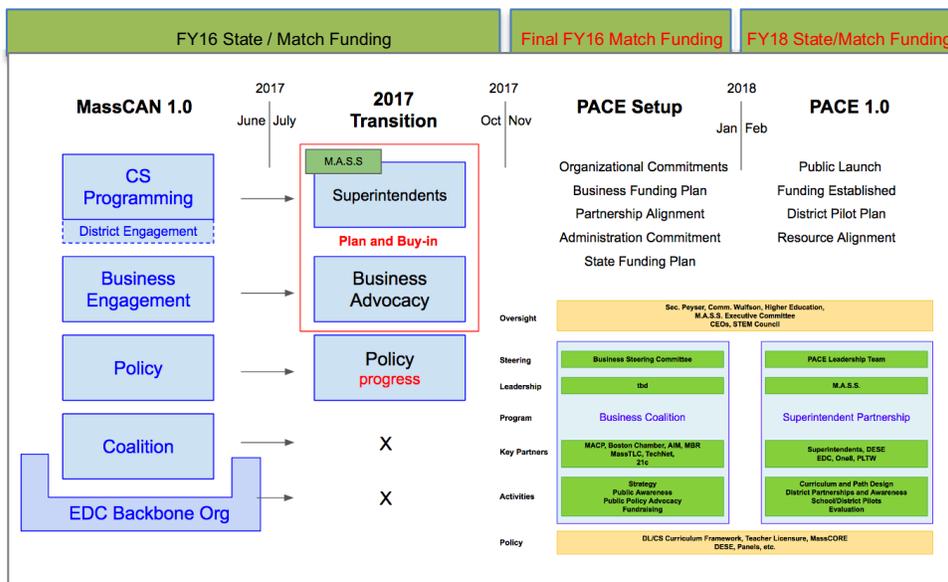
- Steve talks through the Transition 1 and Transition 2 plans
- The leadership team for the Superintendent PACE Program is in place and they have had several meetings thus far.
- There is good progress being made on the policy area in Transition 2. Related to MassCore one of the ideas is to make CS a requirement and move it from electives to either Science, Math or a new Computer Science category.
- Eric brings up the idea that with the engineering 'requirement' is being dropped, this may be a great time to expand
- Eric explains the new direction for CS in MA is that it is a new literacy and that all high school graduates, not just STEM students need to have computer science.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Discussion:

- Jim explains the thinking behind the Curriculum Guide. The hope is that MA districts will use the newly completed guide as a tool to plan a cohesive district-wide CS strategy
- Hans brings up a good point that under the PACE program 2.0 – PLTW is a vendor and probably should not be listed as a partner in the slide deck.
- Tripp talks through the Business Coalition side of MassCAN 2.0. There was a plan to have a Steering Committee for the MassCAN 2.0 Initiative in place by the end of October, but the MassCAN team will not be able to hit that deadline. It will take more time to get that organized. The leadership for the business coalition is also not in place yet.
- Danielle asks based on the 2.0 initiative plan, what will happen to the MassCAN Advisory Board. Steve responded that at this point there are a number of things that remain to be sorted out as we move forward.
- Future fundraising will go to supporting the PACE program
- Danielle brings up the fact that the slide that illustrates the 2.0 initiative (Business Coalition and the Superintendent PACE initiative) is in educational language but should be in business language based on the audience that this is intended for
- Danielle and Carole will work on aligning the current framework to the business community
- Hans asks shouldn't there be teacher representation on the PACE program key partner list. Those in the room agree.

FINANCIAL REVIEW



Discussion:

- Steve & Jim lead the discussion on the financial review and forecast – how was FY16 and FY 18 money spent and during which time period

ANNUAL REPORT

Discussion:

- Jim leads the discussion on the 2017 Annual Report

VOTE:

Motion to approve the annual report - Rick

Seconded – Carole

Ayes= Unanimous

Other news and discussion (group)

Steve asked for approval for spending that is consistent with MassCAN 2.0 spending plan as illustrated on the slide.

Motion to approve spending on the future budget – Danielle

Seconded – Carole

All in favor= Unanimous

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Discussion:

- Jim talks through the dashboard and all related activities

CSforALL – Script

Discussion:

- Jim explains the work that CSforALL has been doing
- CSforALL has received a large grant from DELL and DELL wants there to be 3 MA districts out of the 15 funded through the grant to CSforAll.
- It was recommended that we restate the ultimate goal for MassCAN and put that statement at the top of the 2.0 initiative slide.
- The point was raised “would it be useful to do a logic model for 2.0”
- Danielle asks where the Curriculum Guide will live online. Jim says that the Guide will be on the EDC, M.A.S.S. and the DESE websites.
- Carole lays out that all the activity that has been done in promoting the project is fine, but the activity must be connected to the goals and defined outcomes
- What does it take to engage the business community?
- One of the biggest challenges has been what to do with/use the people on the AB?

VOTE:

Carole moved to adjourn

Danielle seconded

Ayes= Unanimous