

2018 Spring Conference- Whitefish- Grouse Mountain Lodge

Monday April 16 – Arrival

Pre-conference Executive Board Meeting - TBA

6:00 – 7:30 Dinner – **Grouse Mountain Lodge – Logan’s Bar and Grill (No Host- come and go as you please. Drinks and food are available.)**

Tuesday April 17

7:00-8:00 – Buffet Breakfast - GML

8:30 – Pledge, Roll Call, Introductions

8:40 – Message from Senator Tester’s Office – Smith Works

9:00-10:00 Presentation – Allen Pratt, NREA Rural Schools and Denver updates

10:00-10:15 – Break

10:15-12:00 – Mentoring Sessions (Select one)

Mentoring Teachers – Presenters Erin & Rhonda

OPI Budget Reports – Presenters Linda & Pam

Elections – Presenter Kathy Pfister

12:00-1:00 - Lunch at GML - Italian Lasagnas Buffet

1:00-1:30 – Group Photo -Cathy Sessions and Erin Lipkind

1:30-2:30 Presentation – Montana Preservation Alliance – Christine Brown

3:30-5:00 – Guided Tour of the Central School Museum in Kalispell – Cost of \$5 per person and \$4 for seniors will be included in conference costs. (Weather permitting some may choose to golf instead. Golfing will not be included in conference costs.)

Dinner in Kalispell or Whitefish (No Host- on your own. Some suggestions in Whitefish are: The Craggy Range, Casey’s, McKenzie River, or Great Northern Brewery. Grouse Mountain Lodge has a free shuttle from the Lodge to town.)

Wednesday April 18

7:00-8:00 – Buffet Breakfast -GML

8:00-8:30 Set-up Silent Auction – Cathy Maloney and Susan Metcalf

8:30 – Roll Call, Begin Business Meeting

10:00 - Break

10:15 – Presentation MSSA – Dan Rask

11:00 – Presentation OPI Title I Director Jack O'Connor -Title Audits

12:00 – Lunch at GML

1:00 – Presentation OPI Special Education Director Frank Podobnik - Special Ed

2:00 – Presentation MUST – Rep Fabian Deneault

2:15 – Break

2:30-4:30 – Q & A Session

5:30 – No Host Bar

6:00 – RTOY Banquet - State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Speaker

6:10 – Rural Teacher of the Year Presentation & Awards

6:30 – Dinner

8: 30 – Close Silent Auction

Thursday April 19

7:00 – 8:00 Buffet Breakfast - GML

8:00 – Roll Call

8:15 –Presentation SAM Updates – Kirk Miller

9:00 – Presentation SAM Advocacy – Rick Duncan

9:45 - Break

10:00 – Forum – Cyber Security – Rich Lawrence, META President and Kalispell District IT Director and Steve Bradshaw, Columbia Falls District Superintendent

12:00 Lunch- GML

1:00 Presentation - Regional Service Centers – Julia Cruz, OPI

2:00 Finish Business Meeting as needed

3:00 Adjourn – Thanks for attending & travel safely home. 😊