North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals

Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday February 5, 2014—11:00 AM CST

Ramada Hotel, Fargo

NDAESP Mission Statement

The mission of the NDAESP is to assist, support, and serve elementary and middle school principals in order to provide quality education for all children.

Members Present: Lynn Wolf, Bismarck; David Hanson, Wyndmere; Chris Bastian, Casselton; Anna Sell, Ellendale; Jason Hornbacher, Bismarck; Dave Steckler, Mandan; Dana Carlson, Fargo; Stacey Murschel, Beulah; Tricia Erickson, Fargo; Audrey Faul, Griggs County; Jeremy Mehlhoff, Williston; Shari Bilden, Northwood; Jean Schafer, Mandan; Vikki Coombs, Jamestown; Denise Soehren, Billings County; Deb Follman, Devils Lake; Joy Walker, Minot; Kim Krogfoss, Devils Lake

1. Call to Order-
   a. President Hornbacher called the meeting to order at 11:07.

2. Introductions
   a. President Hornbacher welcomed those present and introductions were made

3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Lynn Wolf made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of 7D and 7E. Dave Hanson seconded. Agenda approved.

4. Secretary/Treasurer Report
   a. Anna Sell presented the meeting minutes from the October 16, 2013, Executive Board Meeting. Dave Steckler motioned to approve the minutes with one correction...the spelling of Hanson, Jeremy seconded. Motion carried.

5. Reports and Discussion
   a. NAESP—Dave Steckler
      i. Jenny Steckler has used the NAESP voucher awarded to her.
      ii. ND currently has 177 NAESP members
      iii. A conference call took place on 1/9/14 with the Zone 7 committee
          1. Discussion took place on the Delegate Assembly and by-laws review
          2. There will be a Zone 7 dinner at the National Leaders Conference in DC
          3. Discussion took place about a possible Zone 7 meeting involving each state’s executive committee. Each state is gathering information at this time and a decision will be made in the future. Dave will take the board’s feedback to the NAESP Zone 7
iv. Dave gave the committee updates/info. about the National Convention 7/10-7/12 in Nashville, TN
   1. Discussion took place regarding the date/time of the Zone 7 reception. Dave is working on arrangements. Accent furniture will make a donation again and each state will be asked to make a financial contribution also.

v. Dave asked that members please reply to a survey regarding the dates of the National Convention that will be sent out.

b. Editor’s Report-Dave Hanson
   i. Due dates for upcoming issues of “The Voice” are March 7 and May 2
   ii. Dave asked for members to continue to submit articles.
   iii. Dave attended the NAESP Nominating Committee and presented a report from that meeting. He explained the process of choosing candidates. This year’s NAESP candidates are: Fidelia Sturdivant from East Orange, NJ and Robyn M. Conrad Hansen, Ed.D from Gilbert, AZ.

c. NDCEL Report-Dave Wegner, Chris Bastian, and Tricia Erickson
   i. Minutes from the last NDCEL board meeting were presented to the board.
      1. The State Spelling Bee, at this point in time, will be discontinued after this year due to no governing body stepping up to take over.
      2. NDCEL will no longer be conducting the State Close Up program
      3. The possibility of sharing a building with AdvancEd, MREC, ESPB, and NDCEL is being discussed. Further discussion will be taking place at future NDCEL meeting.
      4. Information about the Strategic Plan was given. Jason gave further information concerning a joint board meeting later this month to discuss current/future membership of NDCEL. Discussion and feedback were given to Jason to take to the meeting concerning NDAESP's interests and input in regards to the strategic plan.
      5. Plans for the Summer Conference are in the works.
      6. The concept of creating an Education Jobsite online is being discussed.

d. Federal Relations-Leaders’ Conference-Lynn Wolf
   i. Lynn presented his report to the board.
   ii. The second National Leadership Conference/Federal Relations Conference will be Feb. 23-26 in Arlington, VA.
      1. Attendees will be Jason, Audrey, Dave S., Dave H., and Lynn
      2. They will be visiting the ND delegation while in attendance
   iii. Passage of the farm bill is a big deal for the state of ND
   iv. Early childhood education has been brought to the forefront in Washington thought Lynn feels we are a long ways away from funding through the Feds.
   v. Lynn encouraged members to contact our congress members if at anytime
there have concerns

6. Old Business
   a. ND Midwinter Conference 2015—Lynn Wolf, Jason Hornbacher
      i. The Conference will be at the Old Doublewood Inn...now the Ramada. They should have plenty of room to accommodate our members (130 rooms).
      ii. South Dakota has informed us that they will not be attending as earlier planned. Discussion about the future of co-oping with SD took place. Board consensus was to invite them once again in 2018.
   b. Future of Midwinter--Audrey Faul and Committee Members
      i. Dave H shared Grand Forks’ principals’ concerns about programming of future midwinter conferences being a regional principal/NDAESP board shared endeavor.
      iii. Responsibilities of NDCEL/NDAESP
      iv. Tricia made a motion to accept the Midwinter Conference rotational scheduled presented to the board. Dana Carlson seconded. Discussion took place. Motion passed.
      v. Bismarck-Mandan will be the host for the future Midwinters
   c. ND Midwinter Conference 2016--Jason Hornbacher
      i. Feb. 3-5, 2016 will be the first Midwinter staying in Bismarck-Mandan.
      ii. Tricia Erickson, Jason Hornbacher, Audrey Faul, Stacey Murschel, Chris Bastien, and Deb Follman from the board will serve on a committee to set up a plan determining NDCEL and NDAESP responsibilities
   d. Review Map of Regions--Shari Bilden, Audrey Faul, and Region Reps
      i. Further recommendations will be brought in April concerning the map of the regions
   e. All Principals’ List--Audrey Faul
      i. Audrey suggested
      ii. Deb Follman motioned to make a proposed change to the bylaws. The change would take place under the Vice-Presidential duties to include: Update the principal’s list each year. Jeremy seconded. Discussion took place. The second reading will take place at our April meeting.
   f. Awards Update--Deb Follman
      i. 20 people will be recognized this year with awards.
      ii. Deb gave kudos to the rubric that was developed for the NDP award recognizing how much easier the process was.

7. New Business
   a. Region Updates--Region Reps
i. Jason thanked the region reps and opened up the floor for feedback. Several reps shared what is happening in their region.

b. Region Rep to National Conference—Dave Hanson/Dave Steckler
   i. A change in the current bylaws concerning National Conference attendance was presented to the executive board for further contemplation. Suggestions were made for possible revisions and further discussion took place. Dave H. and Dave S. will revise/edit, and further discussion will take place at our April meeting.

c. Registration Info. to Vendors—Aimee Copas, Jason Hornbacher
   i. The board voted to not give out information to vendors.

d. Membership Vouchers—Dave Steckler
   i. Discussed in report section

e. Zone 7 Meetings—Dave Steckler
   i. Discussed in report section

f. Future Meetings—Jason Hornbacher
   i. April 25, 2014 in Mandan at the Seven Seas
   ii. August 1, 2014 in Bismarck at NDCEL

8. Adjourn Meeting
   i. President Hornbacher called for adjournment of the meeting. Tricia Erickson made the motion. Dave Hanson seconded.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED AT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, April 25, 2014, at 12:00 pm.