North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals

Executive Board Meeting

Friday, April 24, 2015—10:00 AM CST

Baymont Hotel—Mandan, ND

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:  Joy Walker, Minot; Vikki Combs, Jamestown; Dana Carlson, Fargo; Jason Hornbacher, Bismarck; Lynn Wolf, Bismarck; Dave Steckler, Mandan; Anna Sell, Oakes; Dave Wegner, Beach; David Hanson, Wyndmere; Deb Follman, Devils Lake; Audrey Faul, Griggs County; Shari Bilden, Northwood; Jean Schafer, Mandan; Chris Bastian, Casselton; Katherine Reynolds, Minot; Stacey Murschel, Beulah; Denise Soehren, Billings County; Mitch Jorgenson, Langdon;

1. Call to Order—Audrey Faul
   a. President Faul called the meeting to order at 10:00

2. Introductions—Audrey Faul
   a. Everyone introduced themselves and gave a highlight from this year

3. Approval of Agenda—Audrey Faul
   a. President Faul added another item to New Business—e. New Administrators Conference
   b. Two other changes were made to the agenda. Additions were: 5e-region rep reports 7e-paperless meetings
   c. Lynn Wolff made a motion to approve the agenda. Mitch Jorgenson seconded. Agenda approved.

4. Secretary/Treasurer Report—Anna Sell
   a. Anna Sell presented the meeting minutes from the February 4, 2015, Executive Board Meeting. Dave Wegner motioned to approve the minutes. Joy Walker seconded. Report approved.

5. Reports and Discussion
   a. NAESP—Dave Steckler
      i. We have 171 members currently and are waiting to hear about Goal Buster Status.
      ii. Dave gave updates on the national convention. The numbers for this year’s conference are down. However, according to information from the national level, the numbers in the summer are higher than spring meetings. Dave
has sent out info on the conference to membership regarding rooms, the Zone 7 booth, and the Zone 7 reception. Dave will need raffle items for the booth from the executive board.

iii. Dave shared some of his experiences from the national level thus far.

iv. Next year’s convention will be in DC in the summer.

b. Editor’s Report—Dave Hanson
   i. We are winding down the year with only one publication date left, May 1st.
   ii. If anyone knows of any later retirees, Dave would like that information to include in the next issue of “The Voice”.
   iii. Board member reports are due to Dave H. by May 1.

c. NDCEL & Legislative Update—Dave Wegner, Chris Bastian
   i. Chris addressed items on the team’s report that was submitted and is posted online at NDAESP.
   ii. Dollars for Scholars and a possible partnership with BND was explained further. Further discussion took place among board members with feedback given to go back to the NDCEL board.
   iii. Information was given out about how the university system and new requirements/ideas are being implemented and the development of a their teacher preparation programs. Further discussion took place among board members and possible feedback that could go to the NDCEL board.
   iv. Chris gave information about the summer NDCEL Conference in June.
   v. Dave asked that the board give their blessing to send the NDCEL rep to the ND LEAD board meeting in June to give input at the end of the year. The board overwhelmingly agreed that the rep should attend.

d. Federal Relations—Lyn Wolf
   i. Lynn referred to his online report.
   ii. There are exciting things happening in Washington right now. ESEA has not been reauthorized for 7 years. However, there is bipartisan participation happening right now with discussion centering around key elements of the reauthorization bill.

e. Region Reps Reports—Regional Representatives
   i. Each rep that was present gave reports.
   ii. The new Region 3 rep will be Vicky Held from North Star-Cando.
   iii. Region 5, & 6 both will be getting new reps this spring.
   iv. The new Region 8 rep will be Tracy Leco from Bowman.

6. Old Business

a. Mid-Winter Conference—Lyn Wolf, Jason Hornbacher, Jean Schaefer, Anna Sell
   i. Surveys indicated that people were very pleased with the conference
   ii. A report has been created to help those planning the future Mid-Winter Conferences. The report will be available on the website. A thank you was given to those that created the document!
iii. Jason gave more information about feedback from the survey. Speakers that were engaging and facilitated interaction with the audience received much more positive feedback. Participation was high and the registration fee paid is where most of the revenue is created from the conference.

iv. Discussion took place about attendance at the banquet. This year 62 people that had signed up for the banquet did NOT show up, which equated to $1200 that could have been used elsewhere for the conference. Possible solutions/ideas were discussed to deal with this problem for next year’s conference.

v. Amy & Donna will be attending the Region 6 meeting to help plan next year’s Mid-Winter Conference.

b. Leadership conference—Attendees
   i. Attendees gave information from their trip.
   ii. Heitkamp and Hoeven met with our reps, however, Kraemer did not.
   iii. Much of the information/discussions they were given centered around ESEA.

c. Changes to Bylaws—Dave Hanson
   i. Dave recently sent out the update concerning the “Service to Children” award on our list-serve as the required reading for the membership.
   ii. A motion was made by Mitch Jorgenson and seconded by Chris Bastian to accept the change to the bylaws. Discussion took place. Motion passed.

d. Awards Revisions and Forms—Deb Follman, Jason Hornbacher
   i. The item was tabled until the July meeting.

7. New Business

a. Appointments and New NDAESP Positions—Audrey Faul
   i. Deb Follman will be taking Dave Wegner’s spot on the NDCEL board
   ii. John Alstad will be Dave Steckler’s NAESP State Rep position replacement.
   iii. Chris Bastian has offered to take the State Editor’s position. President Faul made the suggestion that for the 2015-2016 year Chris and Dave Hanson work together. The motion was made by Dana Carlson that Dave Hanson mentor Chris Bastian as State Editor for the 2015-2016 year. Lynn Wolf seconded the motion. Discussion took place. Motion carried.
   iv. President Faul asked that region reps send the names of their replacements to her as soon as they have them in place.

b. National and Leadership Conference Attendance—Audrey Faul
   i. President Faul presented the list of names of conference attendees that will be paid for by NDAESP.
   ii. Dave Hanson, Chris Bastian, Lynn Wolf, John Alstad, and Stacey Murschel will attend the Leadership Conference this coming year.

c. Raffle Prizes for National Conference—Dave Steckler
   i. Discussion took place about donation of items for the raffle during the Zone Reception.
ii. Dave Hanson made a motion that NDAESP donate up to $100 for the door prize for the Zone 7 reception. Lynn Wolff Seconded. Discussion took place. Motion passed.
d. Executive Team Transition Dinner Meeting—Audrey Faul, Dave Hanson
   i. President Faul presented an idea for our summer meeting to help incoming board members become acquainted with the board history and responsibilities. Discussion took place.
   ii. Audrey will talk to Amy about helping us plan and facilitate this activity.
e. New Administrators Conference—Audrey Faul
   i. Amy would like board members to consider ideas for presentations at the conference and closures to created networking in their regions.
f. Future Events—
   i. NDCEL Summer Conference—June 17-19—Bismarck
   ii. NAESP National Convention—June 30-July 2—Long Beach, CA
   iii. NDAESP Executive Meeting—July 22—Bismarck
   iv. Annual ND Administrators Conference—July 20-22—Bismarck
   v. NDCEL Fall Conference—October 21-23—Bismarck

8. Adjourn Meeting—Audrey Faul
   a. Stacey Murschel made the motion to adjourn. Shari Bilden seconded. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED AT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, July 22, 2015 at 10:00 am.