NDAESP Region 1 Principals Meeting Minutes

1. Midwinter Conference – Feb. 3-5
   a. Social 7-10pm Wednesday
   b. Big presenter – Kim Marshall
   c. No banquet dinner this year – longer lunch instead with awards
   d. Friday morning 8-8:45 Regional meetings possible
   e. Positions open on Board – VP, State Rep, Federal Relations
   f. NCLB reauthorization trainings will be coming this spring.

2. Cultural Kaleidoscope – by Angie Cancade
   This program is amazing, to say the least! We had them come to our school January 2015 and can’t wait to get them back again next year. Our plan is to have them in our school January 9-13. They have asked that I approach area schools and present what they are all about in an effort to book more locations and share travel expenses.

   **So what is it?** The Cultural Kaleidoscope is a couple of people who travel around the country teaching children about the culture, history, heritage, music and art of another country. You can choose from 3 different programs. They have Russia, Ukraine, or Australia. We did Russia and are going to do Ukraine next.

   **What does it cost?** I know that’s the first question on all admins mind so I won’t save it for the bottom. The ND Council on the Arts awards grants for Artist in Residence programs which is what this is. They will pay ½ of the expenses. (I believe there is a cap at around $5000.)
   Here is a basic breakdown of the expenses:
   - Presentation fee $4000
   - Mileage fee $700
   - Food Allowance $125
   - Motels on route $160
   - Motel while at school $1040
   - Lunch (we provided school lunch) $85
   Total 6110.20
   Our grant was for $2800. The grant process is pretty simple and I would be happy to help anyone.

   The reason I am approaching you all about this is because then we could share some of the fees.

   **What do they do?** Throughout the week they perform assemblies, put on enrichment sessions, and conduct rehearsals for the community performance to take place Friday evening. The community loved it. It was amazing the program they could put on after rehearsing for only 1 week. You won’t regret doing it.
Their website is www.culturalkaleidoscope.org.

Check them out. I’m going to be starting my grant application soon since the first deadline is April 1. They do have another round of grants due November 1 but they have many more requests during that time and you may not get as much money granted.

3. Williams County Spelling Bee – Feb. 24, names to Jeremy the week before
4. School Tour of Tioga
5. Observe Science Curriculum – AWESOME!!!!!
6. Talk about new middle school plans for Williston, Watford City
7. Next meeting: Mid-Winter Conference
   a. February 23 – Williston – Wilkinson & McVay Tours
8. Teacher Mentoring – New Teachers run the state program, New to district get paired up with someone from the district, talk about paying a lead teacher to mentor new teachers and new to the district