

Minutes from the NDAESP General Meeting on October 19th, 2017

John Alstead moved, Audrey Faul seconded to approve the agenda. Passed

Anna showed the minutes from the business meeting from last year's Mid-Winter Conference.

Deb Follman moved and Keith Leintz seconded to approve the minutes. Passed

It was reported that there was roughly \$87,400 in our general fund. It was reported that the Treasurer's Report was approved yesterday, October 18th.

Reports and Discussion

John Alstead reported:

- The National Conference in Philadelphia and he was happy with our regional representation. Jerry Brooks had performed. It had been a joint conference and John thought it had gone well. The National Leader's Conference is coming up in the spring. The next National Conference will be next July 9th – 11th in Orlando.
- If you know someone who is part of a minority, and a member of NAESP, they are currently looking for someone that fits that criteria.
- There was some discussion on becoming a "Joint Membership" state, which would mean that if a person had a state membership, they would also have a national membership. There is a rebate from the national organization if we become a joint membership state. There was discussion. Nothing was decided.
- If anyone knows a new principal, the NAESP website has a link where the new principal can sign up and belong to a national panel of new principals.
- Dave Steckler is the current Zone 7 director. His term ends in the summer of 2018.

Aimee Copas came in and reported:

- The LEAD center has now been combined with NDCEL because of funding at the state level. She said some trainings will continue. They hope to continue helping with professional development when there are needs. If you have a need for help with PD, give NDCEL a call. They will guide principals to REAs when that is appropriate, and try to help when they can. NDCEL welcomes feedback.

- She reported that NDCEL is going to try to see how they are spending their time and how they are serving us.
- She wondered if there was anything specific elementary principals were wondering about? Someone asked about ESSA? Aimee reported that there is a piece of the ESSA plan that is a “Choice Ready” component that will eventually trickle down to third grade. She also reported that DPI is currently trying to make the ESSA expectations more difficult. There was discussion about this. Aimee said there was a meeting the next day with Kristen Baesler and DPI about not making the expectation so high that nobody can accomplish it.
- Aimee reported that NDCEL is going to finish their meeting tomorrow.
- Aimee reported that the state assessment will not have a paper option this year.

Chris Bastian reported:

- The high school and elementary principals had the conference together this past summer in Philadelphia. Chris reported that the service day before the conference starts is always a fantastic experience.
- Chris reported that the Mid-Winter Conference will be January 31st – February 2nd.
- Chris encouraged us to send him things to put in *The Voice*. The next issue will come out in December and will also deal with awards.

Jason Hornbacher reported:

- He is keeping a close eye on what happens to Title 2 Part A. The Federal Government is trying to eliminate the classroom size reduction loophole.
- Jason reported that Jeremy Mehlhoff received the North Dakota Shape Award at the Roughrider Health Conference.
- There was a discussion about NDCEL and what Aimee’s role is in our group and how she represents us.
- Tonya Hunsker is the NDCEL VP and President Elect.

Regional Reports:

- Region 1 is in charge of this Mid-Winter Conference. They will be getting information out – but it is going to be FUN!
- Region 2 – No representation.

- Region 3 – First Region Meeting planned for November 7th. They are planning to get into each school for their meetings.
- Region 4 – Working on Marzano goals, and southern districts are combining for PLC groups.
- Region 5 – No representation.
- Region 6 – Talked about local REA – MTSS, how do they keep things going and growing with staff turnover? They are trying to become a tighter knit group.
- Region 7 – They talked about what each principal was proud of in their building.
- Region 8 – No representation.

Dave Steckler reported:

- The next conference is in Orlando.
- Cindy Cook just went to Washington DC and was honored as the ND Distinguished Principal for Elementary Schools.

Old Business:

- Deb Follman reported that the by-laws were cleaned up. She encouraged people that hadn't yet run for office, that there would be understandable by-laws to guide them.

New Business:

- Awards – Anna hasn't gotten any award nominations yet, but she will send a letter to Superintendents.
- There was a request to know which principals are in each region. John Alstead reported that the lists had recently been sent out, but may have some mistakes.

Jason Hornbacher moved and Jeremy Mehlhoff seconded that the meeting should be adjourned. Passed.