NDAESP GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, October 18, 2007
NDCEL Conference
Ramkota Hotel, Lamborn RM, Bismarck, 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

1. CALL TO ORDER- President Sherry Libis called the meeting to order
   • Those present were welcomed
   • Members of the Executive Board were introduced
   • President Libis previewed the agenda
   • Lynn Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Pete Lingen. Motion Carried

2. SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT
   • Dave Saxberg presented the Secretary report
     o Buster Langowski made a motion to accept the Secretary Report. Seconded by Lynn Hendry. Motion Carried
   • Dave Saxberg presented the Treasurer report. Total assets: $40,528.44. The budget for the period ending June 30, 2008 and adopted at the August 3, 2007 Executive Board meeting was introduced.
     o Loren Kersting made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report. Seconded by Keith Leintz. Motion Carried.

3. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION
   A. NAESP REPORT- Tricia Erickson presented the NAESP report in Mike Forsberg’s absence
      • The importance of recruiting new members was discussed
      • NAESP’s National Convention is April 4-8, 2008 in Nashville, TN. ND has a block of 15 rooms, deadline for rooms is Feb. 15, 2008 or until filed. Reserve rooms through Mike Forsberg, State Rep. if interested in one of the reserved room.; however convention registration and travel arrangements are done individually.
      • NAESP’s website is http://www.naesp.org
   
   B. EDITORS REPORT- Dave Hanson presented the Editors Report
      • Upcoming due dates
        o December 3: Candidate Information
        o March 1: NDP, National Candidate Information
        o May 4: Service to Children
• Advertising for the Voice has brought in a total revenue of $2100 (6 sponsors at $350 each)
• Members are encouraged to submit articles for The Voice.
• Those not on the NDAESP listserve are encouraged to contact Dave Hanson

C. NDCEL REPORT- Presented by Loren Kersting
• New federal regulations regarding 403bs (retirement accounts) and school districts are forthcoming
• Teacher shortages- especially at the secondary level is being discussed at the state level
• Background checks of district hired personnel are probably not mandated by state law, but the liability possibility suggests that it may be a good practice.
• NDCEL was recently audited. Recommendations were given in certain accounting practices. For example, one recommendation by Doug Johnson is for the midwinter host site to conduct all financial transactions through the NDCEL office. Furthermore, Doug Johnson will work with NDAESP in filing for nonprofit organization status to comply with federal IRS regulations.
• A survey of the NDAESP members will be done in the near future to provide feedback for NDCEL in how to best serve the group.

D. FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT- Presented by Billy Demaree
• October or Early November Congress will take action on following federal programs
  o ESEA Reauthorization (House and Senate education committees)
  o Education funding passage (Labor-HHS-Ed. Appropriations)
  o SCHIP veto override attempt (Children’s Health Insurance Program)
• NAESP expects the Senate’s bill to be similar to the House draft language in that it will maintain the core, fundamental flaws of the existing NCLB law.
• The House Education & Labor Committee’s reauthorization bill is expected to maintain a definition of what constitutes an “exemplary, highly qualified principal.” NAESP does not support the draft language and will oppose passage of a bill modeled after it.
• Education Funding- Congressional staff believe that the final compromised bill developed from S. 1710 and H.R. 3043 will have an overall funding allocation closer to the NAESP supported, House-passed 3043 that includes a total increase of more than $2 billion for federal K-12 programs. The compromise bill must be approved by both House and Senate before sent to White House. President Bush has vowed to veto S. 1710.
• It was noted that Congressman Pomeroy voted against an amendment to increase Special Education funding in the amount of $125 million. The amendment failed.
• President Bush vetoed the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) reauthorization bill.
• Finally, Dr. Mary Kay Sommers, NAESP president, testified before the U.S. Congress on the draft reauthorization bill of the ESEA (NCLB). Mary Kay noted that the draft bill retains NCLB’s fundamental flaws of an over-reliance on high-stakes testing.
E. AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT- Presented by Billy Demaree
   • The Awards committee is meeting soon to begin the process of collecting nominations for the various NDAESP awards.

4. OLD BUSINESS
   A. Midwinter Conference Update
      • Tricia Erickson invited all to attend the conference in Fargo. The Region 5 principals are working hard to put the conference together.
      • Registration should be coming out in November- course credit through UND, registration will be online through NDCEL

   B. Constitutional Changes- 2nd Reading presented by Dave Hanson
      • Dave Hanson shared recommended changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.
      • Carol Zent made a motion to accept the recommended changes to the NDAESP Constitution and By-Laws. Buster Langowski seconded. Motion Carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Midwinter rotation- Presented by Sherry Libis
      • 2009- Bismarck
      • 2010- south Dakota
      • 2011- Dickinson
      • 2012- Grand Forks
      • Any region is encouraged to notify the Executive Board if interested in getting on the Midwinter rotation.

   B. Special Presentation- NDAESP donated $500 to Shari Bilden, Elementary Principal Northwood, to replace personal principalship materials lost in the recent tornado.

   C. Acknowledgement of New Elementary Principals – President Libis acknowledged new elementary principals present at the meeting

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING
   • Buster Langowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Alstad seconded. Motion Carried.