NDAESP GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2008
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 Tricia Erickson called the meeting to order
   - Introductions
     - Members of the Executive Board were introduced
     - New Members were recognized
     - Blue Ribbon Schools were recognized
   - Approval of the agenda
     - President Erickson previewed the agenda
   - Sherry Libis made a motion to accept the agenda. Seconded by Lyn Hendry. Motion Carried

2. SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT
   - Dave Saxberg presented the Secretary report
     - Dave Wegner moved, seconded by Carol Zent to accept the February 8, 2008 General Business Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried
   - Dave Saxberg presented the Treasurer report. Total assets: $30,119.72. The budget adopted at the August 8, 2008 Executive Board meeting was introduced. Total revenue of $48,900 and Total expenses of $48,900.
     - Lynn Wolf moved, seconded by Kris Nelson to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion Carried.

3. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

   A. NAESP REPORT- Mike Forsberg
      - NAESP membership is at 206 members
      - NAESP conference is in New Orleans. Early bird registration opens Sept. 1- go to the NAESP website for info. Housing blocks will be released in October. Mike Forsberg is the contact
      - Executive Board is looking at sharing a state booth with Minnesota.

   B. EDITORS REPORT- Dave Hanson
      - Due dates- December 5 for Nominating Committee, March 2 for National Distinguished Principal, and May 4 for Service to Children
      - Dave reported on and shared the readership survey results
• Dave shared that he will be sending out a survey to the membership to collect feedback on the regional boundaries.
• Advertising for “The Voice”- 6 sponsors at $350 for total revenue of $2,100.

C. NDCEL REPORT- Gail Wold

• Buster Langowski and Loren Kersting are representatives on the NDCEL board along with Gail Wold
• Kent Hjelmstad, UND, will be the Higher Ed. representative on the board
• Results of the Substitute teacher shortage survey were shared
• NDCEL will continue to use the I-wheel as a road map for the future
• Governor Hoeven’s current education funding proposal is $100 million, about $43 million of those funds are already spoken for.
• Strong registration at the NDCEL conference- 450 registrants
• Governor Hoeven is proposing funds- about 15 million- for Pre-Kindergarten programming in the next legislative assembly.

D. FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT- Lynn Wolf

• Presidential debate- nothing specific on education
• In late September, Congress passed and President Bush signed into law a continuing resolution that provides “bridge” funds through March 6, 2009, for all federal FY 2009 programs.
• U.S. Department of Education will be operating with the same amount of funds in the new fiscal year as was appropriated last year
• There are several unknowns out there that will impact funding availability for education programs next spring: the financial markets package; the growing national deficit; the new Congressional makeup; and the new President’s agenda.
• NDAESP members were encouraged to get out and vote.

E. AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT- Sherry Lervick

• Region reps. were encouraged to get nominations to the award committee for rewards.
• There will be a regional Principal of the Year from each of the 8 regions. The NDP will be selected from this group. The regional principals will each know that they were nominated as the Regional Principal of the Year prior to the announcement of the NDP. First Friday of December is the due date.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Midwinter Conference Update- Lynn Wolf
• Feb. 18-20 at the Ramkota in Bismarck
• The conference theme: Charged Up to Lead
• Kenneth Williams from Solution Tree will provide his energy, passion, and knowledge about Professional Learning Communities as a focal point for the conference.
• Break out sessions and table top discussions will focus on relevant and current hot topics
• Registration for the conference will be online and opened in early January on the NDCEL web site
• Make your registrations at the Ramkota and, be sure to indicate you are part of the elementary principal block. Make your reservations early as there are other conferences in town at the same time as the conference.
• For future Mid-Winter conferences, Lynn recommended to not hold it in Bismarck during a legislative year.

5. New Business

   • Midwinter Rotation
     
     o 2010 South Dakota
     o 2011 Dickinson
     o 2012 Grand Forks

B. Constitutional Ad Hoc Committee- Dave Steckler

   • The Executive Board approved a recommendation to amend the Constitution for an increase of the NDAESP membership dues from $75 to $125 for 2009-2010. The 1st reading will be in the December issue of “The Voice” and voted on at the Midwinter Conference in February.

   • The Executive Board approved a recommendation to amend the Constitution so that the Executive Board job descriptions would be moved from the Constitution to the By-Laws. The 1st reading will be in the December issue of “The Voice” and voted on at the Midwinter Conference in February.

C. Regional Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee-

   • Six regions are being considered as compared to the 8 current regions

D. Shortage of substitute teachers- Sherry Lervick

   • Sub teacher shortages are being experienced across the state. It is hoped that something can be worked out with substitute teacher credentialing to resolve the problem. The major concern is with short term subs.

E. Doug Johnson

   • The vote on the Governor’s commission recommendations will be Nov. 6th
   • Hoeven is recommending $15 million in his education budget for Pre-kindergarten
   • Doug reported on the substitute teacher shortage discussion and information that has been discussed
   • Doug encouraged members to attend NAESP convention in New Orleans

6. Adjourn Meeting
• Dave Steckler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Fitzgerald seconded. Motion Carried.

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