NDAESP GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, February 20, 2009
NDAESP Mid-Winter 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

   • Special Guest Nancy Davenport, NAESP President, was welcomed. She shared some positive comments on Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, and thanked NDAESP for their hospitality.
   • Approval of the agenda
     o President Erickson previewed the agenda
   • Lynn Wolfe made a motion to accept the agenda. Seconded by Lyn Hendry. Motion Carried

2. SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT
   • Dave Saxberg presented the Secretary report
     o Dave Hanson moved, seconded by Sherry Schmidt to accept the October 23, 2008 General Business Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried
   • Dave Saxberg presented the Treasurer report. Total assets: $55,669.48.
     o Kris Nelson moved, seconded by Pat Slotsve to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion Carried.

3. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

   A. NAESP REPORT- Tricia Erickson gave report in Mike Forsberg’s absence
      • NAESP membership is at 197 members, last year this time we were at 206. Goal is to add 7 new members for Goal Buster Plus.
      • NAESP conference is in New Orleans April 2-6, 2009.
      • State booth. President Erickson is the contact for people interested in helping at the state booth.
      • We are sharing a state booth with Minnesota this year.

   B. EDITORS REPORT- Dave Hanson

      • NAESP candidates will be posted soon with voting to follow. NAESP is considering electronic voting
      • Upcoming dates- May 4th for Service to Children Award
• Dave reported on the readership survey results. As a result, look for a list of book ideas for book studies in the March “Voice” and in May Laurie Robinson will share an article on PLCs.

C. NDCEL REPORT- Loren Kersting, Gail Wold, Buster Langowski

• The shortage of substitute teachers continues to be a topic of discussion with ESPB
• There will be continued discussion on declining enrollment at the NDCEL summer conference
• NDCEL will continue working on providing new administrator workshops
• Summer NDCEL conference is in Minot June 17th to 19th
• The NDAESP membership is encouraged to remain an active voice in NDCEL
• Executive Director Doug Johnson’s contract is soon due for renewal

D. FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT- Lynn Wolf

• Lynn provided a handout “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”
• Lynn will continue to share information on federal happenings as they happen

E. REGIONAL REPORTS- Tricia Erickson

• With several Regional Representative openings upcoming, people were encouraged to consider serving in that role.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget Review Committee- Dave Saxberg and Chris Bastian

• It was shared that the budget review committee’s work is to analyze present and past expenditures and revenue of the NDAESP organization. The purpose is to provide information to the Executive Board as it makes financial and budget decisions as they relate to NDAESP and its membership.

B. Constitutional Changes- Dave Steckler

• The following is the list of proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws:
  • All job descriptions of the Executive Board moved from the Constitution to the By-Laws
  • Deletion of the Historian position
  • Job descriptions of the Executive Board will be updated to reflect current practices at each position
  • The awards criteria were added to the By-Laws
  • Membership dues were increased to $125 per year.
• Dave Hanson made a motion to accept the changes as presented in the above list. Buster Langowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. New Business

A. Midwinter Rotation

- 2010 South Dakota
- 2011 Dickinson
- 2012 Grand Forks

- Dave Steckler provided information on next year’s collaborative Mid-Winter conference with South Dakota. More will be provided as it comes available

B. ND Lead Updates- Gail Wold

- The ND Lead center has a couple professional development opportunities upcoming. A handout was made available and members were encouraged to go to the ND Lead center website for more information on the workshops: “Leading Professional Learning Communities” and “Legal Situations in Education.”

C. Awards Committee- Dave Hanson and Chris Bastian

- The Awards Committee welcomes feedback to continue enhancement of the awards
- Everyone was reminded that the deadline for the Region Principals of the year will be earlier next year, possibly prior to the fall conference. This will give the NDP candidates more time for the process.

D. Landscape Structures

- The Executive Board has formed an ad hoc committee to further study guidelines for when advertisers request promoting their business via the listserve.

E. Nominating Committee- Sherry Libis

- Candidates for Vice-President. Kris Nelson and Keith Leintz were introduced.
- Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer. David Saxberg was introduced. He is running unopposed
- Candidate for Federal Relations Officer. Lynn Wolf was introduced. He is running unopposed
- President Erickson called for additional nominations from the floor for Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Federal Relations Officer. No nominations were brought forward for any of the positions from the floor.
- Terry Brenner made a motion and Chris Bastian seconded to approve the slate of candidates as nominated for Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Federal Relations Officer. Motion carried.
- Voting will take place on-line next week

6. Adjourn Meeting

- Dave Wegner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherry Libis seconded. Motion Carried.
THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED AT
THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING October, 2009.