NDAESP BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, February 8, 2008
10:30 AM CDT
Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, 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

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1. Call to Order- President Libis called the meeting to order
   a. Introductions
      i. Those present were welcomed. President Libis acknowledged first year and aspiring principals.
   b. Approval of Agenda
      i. President Libis previewed the agenda. President Libis moved Elections/Introductions of Candidates from New Business to the Editor’s Report under Reports and Discussion. Motion to approve the agenda by Loren Kersting, West Fargo. Pete Carvell, Jamestown, seconded. Motion passed.

2. Secretary/Treasurer Report
   a. David Saxberg presented the minutes from the fall October 17, 2007, business meeting. Keith Leintz, Williston, made a motion to approve the minutes. Gail Wold, Beulah, seconded. Motion passed.
   b. Lynn Wolf, Bismarck, motioned to approve the Treasurer report presented by David Saxberg. Sherry Schmidt, Jamestown, seconded. Motion Passed.

3. Reports and Discussion
   a. Awards Committee Update
      i. President Libis congratulated all of our NDAESP award recipients and our National Distinguished Principal, Dave Hanson, Wyndmere.
   b. NAESP Report
      i. President Libis reminded everyone of the NAESP conference which will be held in Nashville, April 4th-8th. Sherry encouraged all those attending to contact her so the list of attendees from North Dakota can be updated.
   c. Editor’s Report
      i. David Hanson announced remaining due dates- March 25th NAESP Candidate Information and NDAESP Spring Region Meeting Dates/Times. May 1st is the due date for the Service to Children Award.
      ii. Elections/Introductions of Candidate
1. Dave Hanson shared the voting format for the upcoming Vice-President election. The procedure will be done on-line and information will be forthcoming via e-mail.

2. Chris Bastian, Casselton, and Lyn Hendry, Hettinger were announced as candidates for NDAESP Vice-President.

d. NDCEL Report
   i. Gail Wold shared the discussion held at the secondary principal level of their possible desire to incorporate the ACT into the ND state assessment process.
   ii. Gail Wold thanked the Region V principals for their great job in organizing and hosting the Mid-Winter Conference.
   iii. Fall NDCEL conference- Gail Wold discussed the format and organization for the upcoming fall 2008 NDCEL conference. The NDCEL board was pleased with the attendance at the past conference.
   iv. Doug Johnson reported that NDCEL is collecting data on teachers across the state who are eligible to retire and the hope is to have this information available to us soon.

e. Federal Relations Report
   i. Lynn Wolf stressed the importance that elementary principals have in our role of advocating for our students via the political process.
   ii. Lynn Wolf provided information about President Bush’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2009.
      1. Title I would increase by 2.9%, but the increase is targeted at high schools while elementary and middle schools would have reduced funding.
      2. IDEA received a small increase of 3.1 %. This keeps federal funding at 17% of total budget compared to 18.5% four years ago.
      3. Safe and Drug Free Schools received a significant cut of more than 66%
      4. Some programs proposed for elimination:
         a. School Leadership Program
         b. Elementary and Secondary School Counseling
         c. Arts in Education
         d. Comprehensive School Reform
   5. Two new voucher programs were introduced
      a. Pell Grant for Kids- provides families in low performing schools a voucher to seek attendance at out-of-district schools or private schools
      b. 21st Century Learning Opportunities- this plan would rework the existing 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which funds after school and summer programs, into a voucher program.
      c. NAESP strongly opposes vouchers and the reservation of public dollars for private interests.

4. Old Business
   a. Midwinter Rotation- President Libis announced the Midwinter Rotation
      i. 2009- Bismarck
      ii. 2010- South Dakota (Spring)
iii. 2011- Dickinson
iv. 2012- Grand Forks
b. Northwood Principal, Sheri Bilden
   i. President Libis presented Sheri Bilden, principal of Northwood Elementary School, with a check in the amount of $500 from NDAESP for losses incurred from the tornado last August.

5. New Business
   a. Substitute Teachers
      i. President Libis shared Sherry Lervick’s wish to discuss the concern she and others have for the lack of substitute teachers. President Libis shared discussion from the Executive Committee meeting. The talk was for principals to encourage the powers that be to raise pay and benefits for substitute teachers and to help those teachers from neighboring states so they can teach in North Dakota.
      ii. Doug Johnson shared that four-year degree non-certified individuals can be licensed as substitute teachers through ESPB if it is proven to be in a shortage area. The license is renewed yearly. NDASSP has held discussion on the possibility of 2 year degree individuals qualifying for the same type of credential.

6. Adjourn Meeting- President Libis called for adjournment of the meeting.
   Tricia Erickson, Fargo, motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Kris Nelson, Hebron-Glen Ullin, seconded. Motion carried.