North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals
General Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 16th, 2014, 3:45PM
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck

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- Audrey F.
   a. Present Faul called the meeting to order.

2. Introductions- Audrey F.
   a. President Faul welcomed those present and introductions were made.

3. Approval of Agenda- Audrey F.
   a. Motion by Lyn Hendry to approve the agenda. Lynn Wolf seconded the motioned. Motion carried.

4. Secretary/Treasurers Report- Dave H.
   a. Dave Hanson presented the meeting minutes from the February 7th, 2014 General Business Meeting. Tricia Erickson motioned to approve the minutes. Chris Bastian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

   b. Dave Hanson presented the Treasurer Report. Total assets as of September 30th, 2014 were $60,190.71. Dave Wegner motioned to approve the Treasurer Report. Dave Steckler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Reports and Discussion
   a. NAESP- Dave S.

   Alyson Parsley was the winner of the fully paid NAESP membership voucher given away at the Annual Administrator Conference held this past July. Current NAESP membership as of October 2014 is 161 members. The next NAESP national convention will be held in Long Beach, California from June 30th-July2, 2015. The location for the 2016 conference is undecided. Discussion with other Zone 7 State Reps regarding a possible Zone 7 conference is ongoing. No definite plans have been made. The State Reps from Zone 7 are working on developing the election process for the upcoming Zone Director election. Applications are due by December 1st. Dave Steckler is an announced candidate for the position. NAESP has created a new membership committee. Won’t be starting up until November. The NAESP National Leaders Conference will be held on February 22-24, 2015.
b. State Editor- Dave H.

There are three more due dates for the NDAEP publication “The Voice”. The 2nd due dates is December 12th. The 3rd due date is March 6th and the 4th due date is May 1st. NDAESP members are encouraged to share pictures and articles regarding activities going on their buildings. We are down to four companies that support our association through advertising. The Executive Board had a consensus that we would stay with what we have for the time being.

c. NDCEL- Erickson/Bastian/Wegner

Chris Bastian gave a quick update on the changes made to the current NDCEL office. Adding a “Buzzer Door” which also includes a live camera to show who is attempting to gain access has enhanced the security. There are still some concerns about safety after hours. The NDCEL board is still looking into purchasing a different property as a possibility. Donna Melmer has been hired as the event/conference coordinator. She has picked up on her responsibilities quite quickly. Tricia Erickson (Fargo) is the new NDCEL acting President! The NDCEL board has approved a dues increase of $25 a year for the next two years. The NDCEL core principals were reviewed in September in preparation for the upcoming legislative session.

d. Federal Relations-Lynn W.

Lynn Wolf reported on the local legislative races and talked about the information he has gleaned from the websites for Sinner and Cramer. He also talked about how some of the local measures could affect schools and kids. He encouraged us all to read up and vote.

6. Old Business

a. ND Mid-Winter Conference- Wolf/Hornbacher/Schafer

Lynn Wolf reported that the 2015 NDAESP Mid-Winter will held at the Ramada in Bismarck on February 4th-6th. More information is to come out on the list-serve in the coming week.

Audrey Faul gave a quick update on the 2016 NDAESP Mid-Winter Conference. This will be the first of the "Bismarck-Mandan" only location. Zone 6 will be the zone responsible to assist the NDCEL staff with the planning of that conference. Anna Sell (Oakes) and Denise Musland (LaMoure) are the co-chairs for this event. The theme is "Waves of Opportunity".

b. Changes to Bylaws- Hanson/Erickson/Sell

Dave Hanson reported the more work would need to be done on the clarification for when a person takes office and when they travel. A change in the NAESP national convention dates created the need for a rewrite. The NDAESP Executive Board did approve the by-law change adding a 5th NDP to the NDAESP Award's Committee.
7. New Business

a. ND Principals Month Proclamation

Audrey Faul reported that Governor Darlymple made a formal proclamation naming October as Principals Month. Aimee Copass (NDCEL Executive Director) was integral in helping this happen.

b. Support for Zone 7 Election

Audrey Faul announced that Dave Steckler (Mandan) has decided to apply to be a candidate for the Zone 7 Director position that is will be voted on in the spring of 2015. She asked Dave to say a few words. Dave talked about his passion to serve and his hope to make a difference in giving a voice to Midwestern states on the national board. He of course stated that he would very much appreciate our support.

Tricia Erickson made a motion that NDAESP officially supports Dave Steckler in his bid to run for Zone 7 Director. Keith Leintz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

8. Future Meetings

- February 4-6, 2015 (Bismarck) Mid-Winter Conference
- April 2015- Executive Board Meeting
- June 30-July2, 2015 / NAESP National Convention- Long Beach, CA

9. Adjourn Meeting- The meeting was adjourned by President Audrey Faul.

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