

Elementary School Principals Association of Washington
Fall Board Meeting
October 28-29, 2017
Crowne Plaza, SeaTac

Members Present:

Kelley Boyd, Chris Brauer, Adina Brito, Lori Butler, Eric Daniel, Aaron Darragh, David Dooley, Janice Erickson, Kate Frazier, Steve Holmes, Patricia Kannberg, Taj Jensen, Anitra Jones, David Jones, Don Lee, Olga Manos, Paul Marquardt, Michael Martin, Sean McKenna, Ben Newell, Matthew Pewitt, Sydney Richins, Steven Roetcisoender, Heidi Sutton, Cari Trowbridge, Chris Visserman, Brock Williams, Gina Yonts

Staff Present: Ron Sisson, Cris Sippel, Gary Kipp (partial), Roz Thompson (partial), David Morrill (partial)

Guest: Mike McDonald

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Professional Learning:

The board started the day with a joint board professional learning activity on diversity and equity.

Call to Order: President David Jones called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He gave an overview of the agenda.

Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the January meeting. There were a few minor corrections that will be made: add David Dooley to attendance list, remove Heidi Sutton from attendance list, correct a name.

ACTION ITEM: Steve Holmes motioned to approve amended minutes, Paul Marquardt seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved and adopted corrected minutes.

AWSP/ESPAW Overview:

Ron Sisson provided an overview of the structure of AWSP and ESPAW and who attends what. Discussed the role of regional directors and the new roles on the executive committee. He also discussed the availability of cluster grants and regional funds.

Legislative Report:

Roz Thompson introduced herself as the new director of governmental relations. She discussed SSB 5155 (K2 suspension bill) that will be reintroduced in the 2018 session. Group processing and feedback was given around proposed elementary suspension bill

Roz also discussed the WSPLEA (PAC) committee; what has been spent so far on candidate contributions and how important PAC membership is for the continued input and influence AWSP-WSPLEA could bring to education issues brought forth to the legislature. She stressed the importance of AWSP having home contact information from members. Introduced Mike McDonald to the board. Discussed Legislative platform and issues AWSP will be focusing on in the next legislative session.

Communications Report:

David Morrill introduced the new website draft, current publications and avenues of exploration for reaching members. Reiterated that he is always looking for more content for the Fast Five videos.

AWSP Report:

Gary Kipp provided the board with current updates on AWSPs mission and strategic plan. Gary also discusses way in which members could engage in to advocate for education:

- Attendance/accountability for schools for kids being gone. Asking leg to amend absence definition.
- Absence due to an academic requirement should not be included in absence

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- Contacting NAESP members to alert them to the NAESP is having a conference in Orlando just before the NASSP conference.
- RCWs related to discipline
- AWSP has a Unified relationship with national relationships. Advocating for NAESP and NASSP to have joint conferences.
- absence due to an academic requirement should not be included in absence
- Once WAC proposals are finalized, there are hearings. At these hearings, citizens can submit written testimony at these meetings.

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Professional Learning:

Ron Sisson introduced a new company to ESPAW board members, The Main Idea. He proposed getting a subscription for the board only or a Statewide subscription for all Washington principals. The board discussed. Kelley Boyd proposed that this be piloted by the board for a year to see how useful it would be for all AWSP members.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Marquardt made a motion to purchase a trial subscription for the ESPAW board. Kelley Boyd seconded this motion. Ron Sisson offered an amendment to this motion to explore cost then push it out to the board for a year pilot. The board voted to adopt this motion and move forward with a pilot program of The Main Idea.

Budget: Steve Holmes discussed the current budget. ESPAW is in good financial shape. The funds spend down continues but cash reserves are beginning to level off. Student Leadership requested a continuation of funds from ESPAW for another three years.

ACTION ITEM: Kelley Boyd motioned to approve extend to a three-year commitment for Student Leadership; however, this is contingent on any budget cuts that may happen over those three years. Chris Visserman seconded. Board approved and adopted this motion.

ACTION ITEM: Ron Sisson recommended creating stipends for mentees. He estimated ESPAW would fund about \$10,000. Chris Visserman motioned to fund up to \$12,000 to support the mentor program. Sydney Richins seconded. Board voted to approve and adopt this motion.

Principal of the Year Update:

Ron Sisson discussed the timeline for the POY process, introduced the idea of adding APOY process due to the increase of assistant principals at the elementary level, and the board selected the application reading teams. Reading teams are:

- East: Kelley Boyd (Chair), Don Lee, Gina Yonts
- West: Chris Visserman (Chair), Eric Daniels, Paul Marquardt

Visitation team is Adina Brito and Heidi Sutton

The board will discuss adding an APOY nomination to the process at the January board meeting. This is due to the increase of assistant principals at the elementary level.

Diversity Report:

Taj Jensen reported on NAESP's National Diversity Task Force: they are creating a best practices publication on building teacher capacity and obtain and retain a more diverse teacher pool.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.