

AASCA Directors' Meeting May 2007

San Jose, Costa Rica

Members Present: Charles Skipper, Ron Vair, Tony Horton, Erick Bosworth, Neal Bosworth, Martha Council, Elsa Lamb, Sherry Miller, Scott MacLauchlan, Glenn Jones, Ettie Zilber, Jean Lamb, Martha Maristany, Adolfo Gonzalez, Larue Goldfinch, Robert Trent, Jack Bimrose, Linda Niehaus

Members Absent: Michael Farr, Liliana Jenkins, Chester Stemp

Guests: Jacqueline Wiese, Crossroads Christian Academy, Panama
Patricia Ortiz, Colegio Maya, El Salvador
Alegría Lores, Pan American School, Costa Rica

1. Introductions and welcome to first time members and guests.

2. Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Added under other items were Business Managers' Report, Directors' meeting for 2008 and Middle School Choir. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. Principals' Report

- Gloria Doll from CDS represented the principals and presented their report. She reported that the meeting was successful and that 16 principals attended. They shared best practices in accordance with the decision made by the Directors at the 2006 meeting. The principals agreed that it was an effective approach and worked very well, especially given that they would like to increase communication among the group.
- The principals' group elected officers for the coming year.
President - Joseph Azmeh, American School of Nicaragua
Vice President – Maribel Maldonado, Colegio Maya, Guatemala
They also agreed to create the position of Secretary. The Secretary will be the Principal of the host school and will coordinate the logistics for the meeting.
- They discussed the recommendations of the Athletic Directors but did not necessarily accept them. They did agree that the AD of the host school represent the AD's at the principals' meetings when necessary.

Actions on Principals' Recommendations

schools were not bothered by the closeness of the dates. Also the meeting this year was a success at least partly because the principals were all together and not able to easily leave the group. It was decided 16 to 1 to continue at Mazapan for 2008.

- Due to some conflicts at tournaments, it was decided to have a meeting of Athletic Directors in September 2007 in place of the

- The principals also noted that EBSCO is a potentially valuable resource, but that most schools do not take adequate advantage of it. It is generally underused.
- The principals recommended that the American School of El Salvador receive the community service award this year. ***The recommendation was accepted unanimously.*** Other directors expressed interest in participating next year.
- Gloria reported that the principals were all very professional and discussed some difficult and sensitive issues without rancor.

Sherry moved to congratulate the principals and the Mazapan School for a very successful event and all agreed.

4. Minutes from the May 2006 meeting

Elsa Lamb moved to approve the minutes from last year's meeting. Martha Council seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Linda reported that there was a bill pending to the Tri-Association for \$53,838 for the 20 AASCA member schools. Three schools have dues still outstanding for the current year. There is approximately \$5,000 of outstanding bills to be paid including \$1,000 for the Directors' meeting, \$215 for the Middle School Choir,

11. AASCA Policy Manual

There was a review of some proposed redactions in the AASCA Policy Manual and event guidelines. All of the event guidelines had not been reviewed.

In light of some recent issues concerning nationalistic behavior and poor sportsmanship, there was a discussion about the policy of playing all six national anthems and displaying flags at sporting events. No change in the policy was made and the issue was left for future review.

Sherry moved to accept the redactions that had been completed and ask the principals to review the pending sections. They should be revised and standardized for next year. Elsa seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

12. Athletic Issues

Proposals:

13. The Association supports the idea of individual

- Jack announced that Frank Winstead would be speaking at Lincoln. He will send information to other directors who may be interested in this presentation, "Wayside Teaching."
- Business managers' Report. This is one of the three rotating meetings and the minutes of the meeting were given to each member present. The meeting was successful and important in supporting these important people in our schools.
- Small school volleyball will be at CDS from Oct 17-21.
- EBSCO – several schools are making extensive use of this valuable resource. According to the principals, it is an important but underutilized resource. A way needs to be found to make better use of this and train our faculties, students and parents about it.
- Middle School Choir – The program didn't come to fruition last year, but Ettie continues to feel that it is important to have an event for Middle School. It is also collaborative and not competitive which distinguishes it from many other AASCA events. Eleven schools had originally intended to participate, but in the end only 5 or 6 were going to attend. Ettie wondered what had happened. Larue said that they had a group for the music festival, but AIS didn't have enough kinds to do both. The timing conflict with the music festival made preparation and travel difficult as they were many of the same students. The consensus was that the timing was difficult and there had been a conflict with the music festival, but that it is a worthwhile event. Sherry and Ettie will make an effort to organize it again for 2008 and send information to all members. It is tentatively scheduled for April 2008.
- Ettie asked about which schools used the Stanford Achievement Tests. Some use the test but in different grades. She will be in touch with schools to compile a report about which tests are used by which schools in which grades so that we can share information and results in the future.

15. New Members

Colegio Maya in San Salvador and Crossroads Christian Academy in Panama have applied for membership.

Elsa moved that CCA and Colegio Maya, El Salvador be accepted as non-voting members for the coming year. It was approved unanimously.

They will be allowed to participate in all AASCA and Tri-Association events. Charlie will organ1(o)-5.07194(r)-5.0719 they can become voting members in 2008.

The meeting ended with some sharing of best practices and reading. The following books were recommended by members.

Hard Facts, Half Truths and Total Nonsense

19 Seconds

Smart Goals

What is the What

Reading for Meaning

It's So Much Work to be your Friend

How Full is Your Bucket?

Family Matters

The Kindergarten Wars

The Price of Privilege

The Last Child in the Woods