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AASCA Director' Meeting Marriot Courtyard - Miami, Florida May 5 - 7, 2011

Opening & Welcome:

The AASCA Directors' Meeting was called to order by Linda Niehaus

Present:

Bill Scotti OSS, Greg MacGilpin CDS, Jack Bimrose Lincoln School, Linda Niehaus MBS, Alegria Lores PAS, Ken Templeton EA, Maria de los Angeles de Park, Robert Gronniger ASG, Robert Eisler CADS, Martha Maristany CDA, Carl Wiesburg CI, Ambler Moss CM, Liliana Jenkins AST, Ron Vair EIS, Martha Council MS, Luis Chavez FHS, Gloria Doll ANS, Jose Oyanguran SAPS, Linda Le Pine ISP, Jean Lamb BA

Prior to the beginning of the meeting Dr. Scotti informed the directors of a new state department sponsored program. Through Kennishaw State the OSS would sponsor a Certificate in Special Needs Education. The course would be run similar to Mano a Mano beginning during Tri and finishing in Ecuador Additionally Dr. Scotti and Linda informed the directors about the search to find a replacement for Mary Virginia. The search is going as planned and 6 candidates will be interviewed during the summer.

1.- Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed, motioned Martha C. to accept Second Alegria and unanimously approved as distributed.

2.- Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings of May 2010 and October 2010 were read and unanimously approved.

3.- Report of the Principals' Meeting

a) Report of student activities

Student activities were discussed with their highlights and opportunities. One stand out was the idea of assigning student groups or classes to cheer for the different visiting teams during a tournament. Also, the fight between EA and EIS was discussed. The question of how to ensure security for high profile students in non-school environments continues to be an issue.

b) Calendar for 2011 – 2012 was discussed and the dates were confirmed. There is a conflict with certain dates in El Salvador and being able to assure that the best referees would be available. This issue will be given to the Ads for resolution.



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- c) Do we include Elementary Principals Meeting?
It was decided to make this an annual event and that the Nov. 3-26, 2011 would be hosted by Colegio Americano del Sur in Guatemala. Motion to incorporate this as an annual event was motioned by Linda Lapine
Second Carl Wein and approved with; 1 opposed
EIS volunteered to host the event in 2012 – 2013
- d) Do we consider a counselors' meeting? Colegio Americano, Guatemala has offered to host. It was thought that there are enough other conferences for counselors that AASCA does not organize one.
- e) Pledge calendar for 2012 - 2013
- f) Community Service Awards None was given this year.

4.- Recommendation from the principals:

- a) **Transportation** at events Accepted the recommendation that the hosting school send out the arrangements and costs for the in country transportation at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the event. In country transportation is optional and each school pays for their expenses.
- b) **Festivals** Additional activities or events may be added to the drama and music festival as long as the schools are notified by the end of August and that there is no additional cost to AASCA. The number of participants for drama festival was increased from 12 to 15. Host schools may determine the number of student participants from 15 to 25 for the music festival.

Last two recommendations were accepted as is.

- c) **AASCA Flag** What did the Directors decide?
- d) **Small and large school division**
On September 1st the enrollment of the schools will determine their placement in small or large school division for the next school year, not the current one. Enrollment of 300 or more in grades 7-12 will place a school in the large school division.
- e) **Webpage** See principals recommendations what did the directors decide?
- f) **AASCA Membership**
Directors were asked to submit their recommendation to Linda.
Ideas to look at participation in events



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5.- AASCA Finances

Treasurer's Report

Four schools have not paid
There is approximately \$ 85,000.00
Tri dues have been raised \$ 68. Per school

Summary of event costs

Guidelines for fees for student events

It was asked if market forces should drive the cost of events. This was seen as very difficult to budget for but an event form needs to be developed to have each school know exactly what costs are to be covered by the fees.

Fees for the coming year

Events will remain at \$ 400.00 per team for 2011-12 but a discussion was held on using the same model for invitational events for all AASCA events. Further discussion needs to take place on this prior to school budgeting timelines.

Schools were asked to keep the cost of the events as close to the total fees paid

6.- AASCA Web Page

Concern was expressed that the information on the webpage is not always complete or update. The Directors were reminded that they must submit the information to Linda in order for the school and events information to be updated.

Sections - The principals expressed concern that the organization of the webpage was not clear or friendly useful. But no recommendations were put forward by the principals so nothing was changed

Payment to webmaster and possible raise

Webmaster was given a 4% cost of living raise. Her total salary for the year is ???

Person in charge - The president of AASCA will continue to send the information to the webmaster.

It was stated that the purpose of the webpage is to communicate to AASCA members.

7.- Potential New Members

Reports and then vote for:

Colegio Maya, El Salvador
Happy Days School, Honduras



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After discussion on the accreditation that the schools possessed and checking the AASCA requirements for membership, Karl motioned to accept Freedom as a full member, seconded by Alegria Accepted with 1 opposed. Alegria proposed to extend Colegio Maya as a member until their accreditation papers were completed, it was seconded by Ambler and passed unanimously.

Schools who have expressed interest in joining AASCA

- Del Campo School, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- Colegio Valle Verde, Guatemala
- AGAPE Christian School, San Pedro Sula
- Colegio Bilingue Americano, Mazatenango, Guatemala
- Caribbean International School, Colon, Panama

New candidate schools will not be accepted until the membership committee has had time to complete ___ socialize their study.

8.- AASCA Strategic Plan

- Process for accepting schools into AASCA.
- Progress made on plan.
- Recommendations for plan AASCA School Administrators be academic leaders in the region.
- Schools within the same cities share staff development opportunities
- The webpage house links to site that have best practices, ethical hiring practices and social _____ links.
- Look at the possibility of having professional developers work as circuit riders in the region.
- Wait to see what the new Executive Director of the Tri Association is planning, in order to see how the Tri and AASCA can better work together.
- Stated that the vision for AASCA is to model demographic leadership for today and tomorrow
- Practice social responsibilities
- Develop global citizens
- Concern - The question was brought up if AASCA needs an executive director. It was stated we need to do a needs assessment.

9.- Other Items

- a) EBSCO use
There was no comprehensive data presented on the use of Ebsco. It was recommended that parents be encouraged to use it.
- b) United Streaming
Three schools expressed interest and two said they had no interest.
Annual cost is \$ 4000.00



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- c) Academic honesty in cyber age
60 minutes or was it 20-20 did a show on this.
BU has character education called redefining plagiarism
Possible websites
www.turnitin.com
www.khanacademy.com
We need to see if there is anything at the Tri-Conference
- d) NAIS membership
Request the information on NAIS is resent with the passwords.
- e) AASCA Flag, Ron will get back with a cost.
- f) National Association of Secondary School Principals. Ask if the Tri Association is interested in this.
- g) Virtual Tri Recruiting fair. Only one school used it.
- h) Proposed suggestion of an Executive Director for AASCA, discussion was held but the costs versus the need could not be justified. Wait to see how the Tri-Association Executive Director goes – brief discussion on
- i) No regionally shared PD for this year beyond the Tri, but a Needs Assessment of Association to determine common PD areas.
- j) Tri-Association 2012-13 will be in Cartagena, details to follow
- k) School Division for athletic Events was discussed and will remain the same.
- l) Do we want to move cross country from an invitational to an official AASCA event? Discussed and no it would remain an invitational. And that we need to ask the athletic directors their opinion of it.
- m) Elections - All three officers have one more year in their term.
- n) Gerri Prochaska from Wonderlic presented the different assessments that they have that could be used for hiring. www.wonderlic.com
- o) Discussion on the attributes of an AASCA school, AASCA members should be:
Accredited – US – many things under that, P.D. Valued, Promote International / Global perspective, Ethical – Character Development, English Language, Committed to Democracy, Financial Commitment, Participation / Support of AASCA, Sense of Purpose



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- p) Some resources that various schools were using were discussed. United Streaming – Khan Academy and Turnitin.com
- q) Some discussion on interesting books was held where some directors shared what they have read recently: Freakanomics – Superfreakanomics, Dangerously irrelevant – Website, SAT – Prep – website – www.number2.com, Our kind of Traitor – David Cornwall, Talent is overrated – Book on Charge Deliberate Practice, Basta Historia – Oppenheimer, 35 events that changed history, Central Liberal Truth Lawrence Harrison, Who Prospers

10.- Closing

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Martha seconded by Ken and unanimously approved. The next meeting will be held in Miami, May 3-6.

President

Secretary