

And the winners are . . .

For WAEMSP President-Elect



Kris Cundall

I am currently the middle school principal in Greybull, having been here for the past five years.

Previously, I was employed seven years in Campbell County, the last year as Events Coordinator at Twin Spruce Junior High. I was the school administrator for three years for a K - 8 school, Lake Minatare, near Scottsbluff, Nebraska. I earned my Master's of Science in School Administration from Chadron State College in 1990.

I have been a member of WAESP for three years and was once nominated for NDP.

I am running for president of WAEMSP because I have an investment in the organization to advance and broaden its membership to include more middle school principals. I feel that we have a collegial responsibility as middle level and elementary principals to open conversations about how we can optimize the impact we have on students at both levels while easing the transition to middle school. As the pressure on schools continues to increase student performance, we will be able to rely on one another to research and implement practices that work.

For WAEMSP Vice-President



Brenda Farmer

I am the Principal of Sunset Elementary School, Cody, Wyoming

My experience includes Assistant Principal, Cody Middle School 2003-2006; Principal, Sunset Elementary School 2006 – present.

I have been Northwest Region Co-Regional President, 2007-present.

I would like to be Vice-President because I feel I am ready for a change. I want to learn the different aspects of our association.

Short Range Vision: With my PLC training and commitment to SMART goals I've put my short and long range visions into that format with some explanation.

Smart Goal: By the next WAEMSP conference (January 20, 2010) our membership will increase by 5% (14 additional members) for current elementary and middle level principals and assistant principals. This percentage does not include aspiring members, associate members, or retired members.

Strategic - Every region will promote WAEMSP with their colleagues adding two principals or assistant principals to our membership.

Measurable - 14 principals and/or assistant principals join our membership.

Attainable - This goal is attainable since there are 262 elementary and middle level principals and assistant principals, of which 171 are members so we have 91 non members from which we can recruit.

Results Oriented - This goal is results oriented. We will know we reached the goal with the results of 14 added members.

Time Bound - This goal is time bound because it has an ending date.

Long Range Vision: Smart Goal: In the next three years WAEMSP will provide members and educators in Wyoming with the skills, tools, and networking to effectively lead their learning communities.

Strategic - This goal is strategic in that the board will have to continue to provide high quality speakers and opportunities for learning more about leading our PLCs.

Measurable - This goal can be measured by evaluation surveys of the membership.

Attainable - This goal is attainable since Wyoming principals are interested in becoming true PLCs and the association is committed to supporting this change.

Results Oriented - This goal is results oriented. We will know we reached the goal with the results of Wyoming schools being true PLCs.

Time Bound - This goal is time bound because it has an ending date.

For NAESP State Representative



James Fraley

I am an elementary principal at Anderson Elementary. We are a K-6 school with approximately 415 students in Cheyenne, WY.

I am currently in my 6th year as a principal. Relevant experience pertaining to the position includes: District Calendar Committee, Summer School Principal, Summer School Design Team, District Technology Task Force, and District Facility Advisory Committee.

I have been a member for six years and traditionally going to some State Conferences and learning the complexities of this profession and the position.

I feel compelled in my position as an elementary principal to contribute to our association in a way that is beneficial to Wyoming principals, teachers, and students. I feel I can be a conduit for information and initiatives between the state of Wyoming and the national level. There are far ranging concerns that impact the future of education globally, nationally, and statewide. I believe I can act as a collective voice for the elementary and middle school principals in this state to share the great things that our schools are doing for students in this great state and work to keep our educational leaders informed in global change affecting us.

Short range vision: To encourage more principals in Wyoming to join our association. We need to promote the fantastic ideas happening in our state to the nation, and the best way to do so is to use the infrastructure of networking we have in our association to promote best educational practice to a larger contingent. We need to continue to work with each other and grow our interest group, so we have a strong voice at the decision making table.

Long range vision: There are many issues impacting our students' education, from far reaching national issues like NCLB reform to change in the classroom from an instructional leadership standpoint. Understanding and working with these daily issues in our schools are important, but we must look to the future of our schools on a larger scale as well. I believe our country must remain grounded in the fundamentals of our democratic nation at the same time embrace global educational initiatives coming our way. Issues like virtual schools, world-wide communication and skill development for the workplace, economic concerns, and environmental issues are topics that can work toward developing our youth for their future.