



# MINNESOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

*Serving Elementary and Middle-Level Principals*

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## MESPA State Officer Candidate Profile



**Name and position:** Kip Lynk, Principal, Oak Ridge Elementary

**MESPA Division:** Central

**Running for:** MESPA NAESP State Representative

### Past MESPA leadership positions held:

Position: Legislative Advocate for Central Division    date of involvement: 2014-2015

### My vision for the MESPA NAESP State Representative position is:

The role of the MESPA NAESP State Representative is to be the advocate for each of our MESPA Principals at the regional and national level.

The NAESP Representative will work from the grass roots level to build consensus on the needs of Minnesota principals, and then work collaboratively to find solutions.

### I should be selected as a candidate for MESPA NAESP State Representative because:

Having been a MESPA member in the Southwest Division, West Suburban Division, and now Central Division, I have made connections with principals throughout our state. These connections started when entering the principalship as then NAESP State Representative Jean Clark sent a personal note of welcome to MESPA. The note was the beginning of building of a professional learning network. The professional learning network has helped provide a perspective on the similar and different experiences that principals have in varying locations throughout the state, as well as districts large and small. This has allowed for a deeper understanding of the various strengths and needs of our MESPA organization.

Being a strong voice for MESPA and having an understanding of multiple perspectives because of collaboration with MESPA colleagues is essential. The learning gained at MESPA's New Principals' Seminar, several Winter Institutes, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Office as a learner and presenter, Legal Conferences, and more have built a strong network of principal collaboration that will benefit our entire organization moving forward.