



MINNESOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

Serving Elementary and Middle-Level Principals

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MESPA State Officer Candidate Profile



Name and position: Liann Hanson, PhD., Principal, Oak Crest Elementary

MESPA Division: South Suburban

Running for: Secretary/Treasurer

Past MESPA leadership positions held:

Position: South Suburban EPAC Representative	date of involvement:	
2018-2019		
Position: South Suburban President	date of involvement:	2014-2015
Position: South Suburban President-Elect	date of involvement:	2013-2014
Position: South Suburban Communications Rep	date of involvement:	2013-2014
Position: South Suburban EPAC Rep	date of involvement:	2012-2013

My vision for the MESPA Secretary-Treasurer position is:

The MESPA Secretary/Treasurer position is about representing and supporting the Elementary and Middle Level Principals of Minnesota. The MESPA Leadership Team is the face of MESPA Principals. They represent the different Principals throughout the state. They also support the different needs of our Principals. It is my hope that these positions continue to evolve to meet the needs of our constituents. Just as we ask teachers and students to learn, grow, and change, we also ask our principals to learn, grow, and change. It is important to push Principals to continue to learn about the changing needs of staff and students, grow as leaders themselves, and change to meet the ever-changing role of the Principalship and education in Minnesota and the United States. The MESPA Secretary-Treasurer position needs to be on the cusp of the learning, growth, and change and to push and lead in that direction.

I should be selected as a candidate for MESPA Secretary- Treasurer because:

As a Principal and a candidate for the MESPA Secretary-Treasurer I have the ability to represent both the suburban and rural Principals. Being in the location of Belle Plaine gives me a great advantage of experiencing the rural Principalship and the needs that it holds. I also have a close proximity to both suburban and urban schools and Principals. I believe this gives me a great vantage point to represent the majority of Principals in the state of Minnesota.



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State leadership positions should be a mix of both female and male representatives. I believe female leadership needs to be equalized at the state level. If you look at the number of Elementary principals that are female in relation to the number of female representatives at the state MESPA leadership level, there is further work to do in this area. I am a strong female leader and will represent both our male and female Principals well at the state level.

I have a strong belief in the work that Principals and schools are doing in the state of Minnesota. If we continue to focus on the right work, we will continue to have success! I also believe that my experience leading schools in the state of Colorado, growing up and going to school in North Dakota, allow me to have more of a global perspective regarding how we move forward in Minnesota.

I am a doer. My passion, drive, and work ethic toward my pursuits are unrivaled. I intentionally seek out ways to improve myself as a leader and learner. I am a thinker, a problem solver, and a sense maker. I am able to think in multiple perspectives and make connections between and amongst ideas, problems, research, solutions, and people. I am an avid reader and researcher. I regularly practice reflection and frequently seek expertise and learning opportunities from those around me. I have a genuine interest in developing people and am active in my pursuit to develop my own capacities as a means to better support that end.

With all of that said, it is about Minnesota, its students, teachers, and principals. It is about serving those folks and addressing the needs of education in the state of Minnesota. It is a team effort and I believe my leadership skills can serve the Principals of Minnesota well.