

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Bureau of Agricultural Education
Staff Meeting Minutes

June 13-16, 1966
Brooktrails Lodge, Willits

Present

S. L. Barrett	R. E. Matthews
H. H. Burlingham	W. J. Maynard
K. B. Cutler	R. H. Pedersen
E. D. Graf	L. H. Ruth
G. A. Hutchings	J. E. Walker
E. M. Juergenson	D. E. Wilson
E. J. LaSalle	

O. E. Thompson was also in attendance for one day

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on June 13th by Donald E. Wilson, Chief of the Bureau.

Opening Remarks

The vo-ag program is changing and growing. This is reflected in the new types of programs being incorporated into the agriculture program on both the high school and junior college levels.

We will continue to be in a state of flux and will need to be ready to adjust to meet the changes in the field.

There is a possibility of ten new FFA chapters next year.

Graham Sullivan has been appointed Assistant U. S. Commissioner of Education.

With the Arthur Little survey and changes of programs in the Vocational Education Section, we will need to keep our program in its proper perspective and be able to adjust.

Bureau Calendar

The Bureau calendar for 1966-67 was discussed and developed.

Regional Alignment

Contra Costa and Solano Counties - After a discussion with Jane Mills and the parties concerned, it was agreed that there is no question that Contra Costa and Solano Counties are in the Coastal Region. R. H. Pedersen will, in cooperation with S. L. Barrett, assume responsibility for agricultural programs in Contra Costa County effective July 1. S. L. Barrett will continue to be responsible for agricultural programs in Solano County. S. L. Barrett and R. H. Pedersen will see that communications are maintained so that the integrity of the Coastal Region is maintained.

Santa Barbara County - K. B. Cutler, E. J. LaSalle, and D. E. Wilson will meet with Mack Stoker to discuss supervision of agricultural programs in Santa Barbara County.

Assistant Regional Supervisor of Agricultural Education

The number one man on the Civil Service list (Warren Reed) will work with Mr. Barrett as Asst. Teacher Trainer and serve as Asst. Regional Supervisor. He will be hired through the University on contract.

State Plan

The final interim plan was adopted for two years by the State Board of Education on June 8, 1966.

Placement

Mr. Graf reviewed the placement list. Status of present candidates was reviewed and the placement list was brought up to date.

Mr. Graf requested the staff to notify him on Monday whether some of the experienced teachers on the original list are still available.

Workshop for L.A. City Teachers

General Ag teachers in L. A. City schools have been interested in having vo-ag programs. A selected group of 6 L. A. ag teachers will participate in a training session starting with 20 hours during skills week and with an in-service training program continuing throughout the year. The Bureau Staff and L. A. Ag Ed Staff will provide the training program.

At the end of training they will be fully qualified to participate in S.H. programs and have F.F.A. chapters.

These men, presently teaching general agriculture and VEA reimbursed programs, were selected by the L. A. City Supervisor and Bureau of Ag Ed Regional Supervisor and interviewed on the job by the Chief of the Bureau.

The concern of breaking precedence in the traditional teacher training program was discussed.

It was emphasized that the trainers were carefully selected and that the training program was conducted through one of the two regular vo-ag teacher training institutions.

Designated Subjects Credential

Mr. Wilson is to follow up on the status of the Designated Subjects Credential as it relates to agriculture.

Summer Conference

Staff assignments for department meetings are as follows:

Professional Improvement - E. M. Juergenson
Curricular (includes Fairs and Shows - E. J. LaSalle, L. H. Ruth, G. A. Hutchings
Junior College - R. E. Matthews, E. D. Graf

Young Farmer - R. H. Pedersen, S. L. Barrett
Ag Opportunities - K. B. Cutler
Organization - J. E. Walker
Relationship - W. J. Maynard

Mr. Burlingham reported the conference planning had been completed and the program is in the printer's hands at the present time.

State FFA
Convention

Teachers in attendance complained of a lack of an organized schedule. It was pointed out that discipline was the responsibility of the CATA Executive Committee. CATA Officers should be informed of the problem.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Mr. Ruth be asked to make a presentation to the CATA Governing Board explaining to the board:

1. The possibility of limiting housing at the State Convention to delegates.
2. State Farmer candidates will be raised to the State Farmer Degree during the regular meeting.
3. The seating of delegates only in the auditorium is becoming a problem.
4. Too many State Farmer candidates are not participating in the convention itself even if there is room.
5. Banquet facilities are reaching the critical point as far as numbers are concerned.
6. Guidelines will need to be established relative to housing students not staying in the dormitory.

State Finals
Judging

Entries, dues, and entry fees have been coming in after the deadline date.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that a deadline for the State Judging Contest entries be established and adhered to. Mr. La Salle is to present the above action to the CATA Governing Board.

State Fair -
Cow Palace

A review of the progress of the new California Exhibition was given by Mr. Wilson. There is a definite concern on space allotment. Assemblyman Belotti has introduced a resolution on which hearings will be held to resolve some of the problems faced by the 4-H and FFA.

Mr. Barrett is to discuss this with Mr. Howard Chappell and ask Mr. Chappell to discuss the problems faced by FFA with Mr. Powers in the development of plans and policies for the new Exposition.

A brief report of the last Advisory Committee meeting was given. A copy of the minutes of the Junior Livestock Advisory Committee of the Cow Palace is to be sent by R. H. Pedersen to each staff member and ag teacher participating.

Increased
Reimbursement
to Schools

Mr. Graf reported it is too early to determine and pinpoint what reimbursement will be made under this year's increased allotment. Staff members were urged to send in the R-3's immediately. Following receipt of the R-3's in Mr. Graf's office, data will be available for the staff's consideration. It was suggested that a review of the R-3's be made at the September staff meeting.

August Work-
shop

An in-service training program for 60 supervising teachers will be held in Fresno August 22-26. Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Walker, along with the two teacher trainers, will attend a workshop in Colorado to help them get the necessary data and information for conducting the Fresno workshop.

MDTA Status
for Next Year

Any changes will need to be made after Congress has acted. The 10% local-state matching for next year poses a question on whether or not schools will be amenable to conducting a training program. Also "matching in kind" needs to be clarified. Present MDT proposals are being held in abeyance until funds become available.

Mr. Tieberg has been asked to develop the 1966-67 budget for California. He has made the following proposals to the U. S. Office:

1. To conduct MDT in California - 160 million dollars
2. To carry on present programs - 90 million dollars
3. To be used for present skill centers - 40 to 50 million dollars.

Status of
VEA Projects

Approximately 120 VEA proposals in agriculture were recommended for funding in the first go-round (\$730,000). Six projects not in a fundable position on the first go-round now have been recommended for funding. These will be considered at the next meeting of the State Board of Education.

The staff was asked to consider and identify the following:

- a. How has VEA improved, expanded, and extended the vo-ag program in California?
- b. Is a follow-up and evaluation report necessary?
- c. Of the allocation, 2/3 of total ag went into ornamental horticulture in 1964-65. Over 1/2 of total ag went into ornamental horticulture in 1965-66. Can we justify over half of the total vo-ag VEA allocation in the field of ornamental horticulture?

In future VEA applications, stress should be given on how the proposal meets the needs of the socio-economic and disadvantaged group of students.

Farm Foreman
Training

Dr. Thompson reported on the status of the Foreman Training Program. This is a joint University of California-Bureau of Agricultural Education program funded through VEA. The original program was for 20 teachers at the University of California, Davis. There were 24 courses taught in 1964-65. This year there are 14 courses in 10 communities.

Twenty-five foremen and their employers, who participated in the training program, have been interviewed as a follow-up to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The results of this evaluation are contained in "An Evaluation of the Farm Labor Training Program in California" - a published report by the University and the Bureau. This report was distributed to the staff at the June 14th staff meeting.

There have been requests from the field for refresher courses in addition to the initial training courses. This was referred to a committee at the staff planning session to discuss the future action by the Bureau.

Master Plan
for Agricultural
Education for
California

Funds for this study are being requested under 4C. The study will be conducted through Dr. Thompson's office.

Reports

B-1, B-2, and B-3 reports are no longer required by the U. S. Office. It was the consensus of the group that this be referred to Committee A to be discussed.

Ag Enrollment
and FFA
Membership

This subject was assigned to Mr. Barrett's committee.

Girls in FFA

Mr. Wilson was requested to send a directive that at the present time girls are not eligible for FFA membership in local chapters.

Program of Work

Committees A and B met individually and with the total staff to develop the Bureau of Agricultural Education Program of Work for the 1966-67 year.

Staff Recommenda-
tions

In developing next year's Program of Work, the areas of responsibility should be more specific even to the point of making individual and committee assignments. The staff should review the Program of Work at each staff meeting. Time is to be allocated for this.

Professional
Sessions at
Staff Meetings

November:

Instructional Materials Production - 2 hrs, H. H. Burlingam
HS-JC Articulation Guidelines - 2 hrs, R. E. Matthews
Evaluation of Young Farmer Program - (Bureau Chief to assign)

January:

VEA - $\frac{1}{2}$ day, E. D. Graf
Work Experience - $\frac{1}{2}$ day, R. H. Pedersen

March:

Study and Evaluation of Specialized Agriculture
Programs in Los Angeles City - K. B. Cutler

FFA Dues

It was moved, seconded, and passed that for the purpose of determining FFA Chapters in good standing, the basis be the classes identified on the R-2 report as meeting reimbursement qualifications and those classes conducted by those teachers approved by the Bureau of Agricultural Education as a result of their participation in the special training program sponsored by the Bureau.

Chapters must be in good standing (75% paid up membership enrollment as reported on October 1 report) before they can participate in a sectional or regional FFA activity.

An informal R-2 or other type of form should be submitted for those VEA classes being taught by "special advisers" certified by the Bureau, when members of this class are requesting FFA membership.

Form Revision

It was requested that the Reports Committee revise and clarify the back of the R-2 form for distribution in 1967.

Bureau-
Sears Foundation
Committee

Regional Supervisors were requested to give to Mr. Wilson the names of two agricultural teachers from their regions who would meet with the Bureau Committee on July 5 and 6 to evaluate the total Sears Foundation program as it pertains to CYF, FFA, and GATA.

The Committee will evaluate the present programs and explore the need for revision and explore the possibility of new projects.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon, Thursday, June 16, 1966.

Respectfully submitted

R. H. Pedersen