

AG ED STAFF MEETING

June 4-7, 1996

Dye Creek, California

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m. Those present were Bob Heuvel, Charles Parker, Brad Dodson, Ken Harris, Ted Gregg, Greg Beard, Jean Landeen, Jim Aschwanden, Glen Casey, and Dennis Hampton.

The agenda was reviewed.

1. CDE Update by Bob Heuvel:

The Division meeting is set for 6/21/96. If you wish to be excused from this meeting you will need to send your request to Stuart Greenfeld, Division Director, as soon as possible.

The Department meeting set for September 11 has been changed to September 10.

The staff was informed that Pat Newsome, Deputy Superintendent, has resigned as of 7/31. She has since accepted a position as a Deputy Superintendent in charge of curriculum and instruction with the Sacramento City School District.

Also, information regarding Chris Almeida returning to the Department and reinstatement as the Program Manager of the Curriculum Development & Academic Expectations Unit (Industrial & Technology) was shared.

It was also reported that Brad Dodson is moving from Santa Rosa to Sacramento. His office will now be at 721 Capitol Mall, 4th Floor, in the Agricultural Education Unit. Information with new address and phone number will be sent to the North Coast Region schools as he will still be working as the Regional Supervisor of the North Coast Region.

2. CATA Update by Jim Aschwanden:

Jim Aschwanden reported on the 1996 awards list. Regional Supervisors are encouraged to see to it that recipients or designees attend the banquet.

There have been several requests to open contests that were not scheduled to be open this year.

CATA Update by Jim Aschwanden (continued):

Contest meetings schedule consists of three one- hour rotational sessions on Sunday afternoon. The A list is to be opened for review this year.

At the conference there will be four inservice sessions of two hours each; consisting of Holistic Ranch Management, Marketing Your FFA Program (by Mark Tim), Integrated Programs in Ag, and Ag Mechanics (John Deere).

Jim is requesting the names of retiring teachers. He will fax to the CATA regional officers a form to be completed for each retiring teacher.

The AGED Network is trying to have 50 chapters using internet. They will have a booth at the summer conference.

Aschwanden also reported that SB1454, regarding establishment of the Home Economics Unit, has passed the committee (fiscal/ed).

Ranch Butchering issue was discussed. A copy of the law was distributed (Article 9 of the Food & Agriculture Code).

Glen Casey announced Administrators' Day Luncheon. All state staff are invited. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 26.

Changes are in store for the 20+ Luncheon.

It was announced that the Lake Sequoia Leadership Development conference is scheduled for October 18-20, 1996.

There was some discussion regarding show uniforms. Ted Gregg moved that Bob Heuvel draft a letter be forwarded to all advisors describing the official FFA show uniform. This was seconded by Lloyd McCabe. Vote was passed by voice vote. The discussion continued. Bob indicated that a discussion needs to take place about this issue at section meetings in addition to the uniform description.

3. Proficiency Award Applications

The Proficiency Award Program was discussed. Currently the state sponsors 31 areas; there are over 40 award areas at the national level. It was moved by Ken Harris that Bob Heuvel draft a letter to the National FFA recommending that the national organization split Fruit/Vegetable Production into four areas: 1) Viticulture; 2) Vegetables; 3) Citrus Fruits; and 4) Pomology Fruits. It was seconded by Lloyd McCabe. Passed by voice vote.

Jim Aschwanden to add to the agenda of the Foundation Board July meeting a proposal to sponsor all professional areas without sponsors. Use funds currently for Greenhand conferences.

Regarding Proficiency Award applications, Charles Parker moved if Foundation elects not to sponsor additional proficiency areas, California Association FFA will sponsor those areas. Seconded by Ken Harris. Discussion followed. Motion passed by voice vote.

Lloyd McCabe moved that Heuvel, Harris, and Parker review the state proficiency award program and report back to state staff in September. Seconded by Ted Gregg. Passed by voice vote.

4. State Judging Finals

There was discussion regarding team limitations. It was suggested that there be no limit of teams in Farm Power Contest. Discussed alternatives to limitations in Small Engine Contest. Glen Casey will determine limitations in these two contests and submit decisions to Bob Heuvel by July, 1996.

5. Ag Science Fair

It was moved by Brad Dodson and seconded by Lloyd McCabe that we recommend the contest be split into two contests - #1 and #2. Contest participants to deal with novice issue. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. State FFA Conference

Charles Parker reported some new items up for discussion for next year including having a newsroom. Hotels gave favorable responses for this year, and next year's contracts are signed. Some facilities and workshop challenges lie ahead. Suggestions were to keep registration "as-is" and make available student teachers' registration packet. A suggestion was made to organize regional BBQ's as part of the conference.

Nominating Committee - Regarding candidates for Nominating Committee, each Regional Supervisor must submit two representatives and two alternates. The State Supervisor will make the determination as to when an alternate will be used and notify the Regional Supervisors to handle additions. Regional Supervisors are strongly encouraged to choose representatives that will not have other commitments.

7. Master Calendar

Charles Parker developed tentative Master Calendar. He will complete and get draft to Regional Supervisors by Summer Conference.

8. FFA Advisory Committee

It was moved by Ken Harris and seconded by Lloyd McCabe that the committee have two representatives per region. Motion passed.

Charles Parker presented Advisory Committee survey results (see handout).

Motion moved by Lloyd McCabe, and seconded by Ted Gregg that the FFA Advisory Committee and the FFA Executive Committee explore/examine the probability of California having a state booth at the National FFA Convention and report back to Bob Heuvel. Passed by voice vote.

9. 8th Grade Show Policy

(See handout.)

10. Middle Grade Ag Activities

Jean Landeen gave a report on the Task Force. Landeen also indicated that Middle School Ag Program Planning Leaders' Guides are available through the FFA Supply Catalog. She also provided a list of known Middle School Ag programs in California (attached).

11. State Finals - Distribution of Fees

There was some discussion on current policy. Entry fees for state finals contests include all entry fees, including late fees. Entry fees are to be submitted to Ellen Calcagno along with number of teams entered in state contests by each institution. Fees allocated back to institutions based on number of teams entered. Extra contest cost fees should not be forwarded to Ellen, but if forwarded, should be identified and will be rebated to respective college/university. All expenses for producing and distributing Curricular Code and authorized expenses for computer services provided by Rich Meade are to be paid by entry fees.

12. FFA Finances

(See handout.) Reviewed handout.

13. State Officer Facilities

Discussion followed regarding renting a facility to house state officers.

14. Sacramento Leadership Experience

There was discussion concerning the cost, length, and content of this activity. Ken Harris moved to refer to a committee consisting of Brad, Chuck, and Jim to make a recommendation to staff regarding timing and structure of this conference and report at the September meeting.

- 15. Packet Materials**
Packet cost for 1996-97 is \$8/student. Incentive Grant application will allocate \$4 per student on 1995-96 R-2 Report to offset half the packet cost.
- 16. State Degree Process**
Brad Dodson moved and it was seconded by Ted Gregg that the State Degree process remain the same for this year. It was passed by voice vote.
- 17. Award Applications**
Charles Parker presented an idea of distributing applications and forms in a notebook to all programs. Discussion followed. Regional Supervisors would distribute California applications to programs in section meetings. All applications were reviewed for revisions. Each application will be printed for use for a three-year period.
- 18. 95-96 Incentive Grant**
Reviewed list of programs being billed. Discussion followed. Reviewed Incentive Grant Final Report. Funding list form distributed.
- 19. R-2 Report**
Reviewed for changes in 1996-97. No changes suggested.
- 20. Program Evaluation Checklist**
Proposed by Ted Gregg and Ken Harris (see handout). Reviewed proposal and suggestions made. Consensus of group that we present new evaluation documents to teachers this year in preparation for use in 97-98. Ted Gregg to update and distribute to Regional Supervisors. Ken Harris moved, Lloyd McCabe seconded that we grant \$1,000 to all programs currently certified, and \$500 to provisionally certified, taken from the top of Incentive Grant funds. Charles Parker to develop addendum to Incentive Grant application and distribute.
- 21. Teacher Education Update - Glen Casey and Dennis Hampton**
- Contracts - CSUC - State Teacher Conclave
 - U.C.D. - New Professional Conf. (It was suggested that Phase II be highlighted and Phase III be implemented.)
 - Summer Conference - orientation meeting discussed - two hour program presenting on Problem Solving; Securing First Job; and First Month Activities.
 - Satellite Intro to Ag Ed course - look into possibility. Meeting to discuss further at CATA Summer Conference.

22. American Degree

Lloyd McCabe moved that each region verify applications and books, books and applications returned for revising resubmitted to state staff for final review. Greg Beard seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

23. National Officer Candidate

Lloyd McCabe moved that John Moffatt be trained by Tom Munter with assistance from Charles Parker. Charles Parker to be National officer trainer in future. Seconded by Ken Harris. Discussion. Voted - motion passed by voice vote.

24. Advanced Leadership Academy

Ken Harris moved we drop this activity. Seconded by Lloyd McCabe. Voted - motion passed by voice vote.

25. National Project - Reinventing AGED for the Year 2020

The Kellogg Foundation funded three phases: 1) National Symposium for AGED stockholders in October; 2) Establish a system of training the trainers - futuring, training, strategic planning; 3) Form consortia of 8-10 states (having a lead state and university) to strategically plan and develop AGED with each consortia. Discussion followed.

26. Staff Responsibilities

Ellen Calcagno to handle conference registration for State FFA Leadership, Greenhand, and Made For Excellence. Registration materials to be sent directly to San Luis Obispo.

27. Internships

Ken Harris moved we approach the FFA Foundation to assist with coordinating the FFA internship program. Lloyd McCabe seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Dodson