

State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 2, 2021

Present:

- Charles Parker
- Dane White
- Jill Sperling
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- Greg Beard
- Hugh Mooney
- JessaLee Goehring
- Hannah Garrett
- Jackie Jones

Called to Order: 11:01 am

Agenda:

1. State Degree
2. AIG Specialized Grants
3. Professional Development Contract
4. Ag Math
5. Star Awards Committee
6. Ag Sales Topic
7. Proficiency Awards (Golf Carts)
8. Career Development Events Update (see attached)
9. State Conference Update
10. Change Makers Summit

State Degree recap:

- 1) Numbers are low
- 2) Seen issues with some degrees having the checklist done, but missing info like community service

AIG Specialized Grants

- 1) Hugh sent out the list, 3-4 are questionable.
- 2) Lots of consumable supplies: wifi update, engraving machine, Minarets did not complete it – what do we do with those ones?
- 3) Funding: Santa Paula, Half Moon Bay, Brentwood, La Habra, Middletown, Holtville, Maxwell
- 4) Not Funding: Clovis for wifi, Minarets for incomplete application
- 5) Estimate: about \$30,000 to spend
- 6) In the past, we have paid teachers to do projects.
 - a. Example: Tim from Tulelake help hosting contests
 - b. Hugh – videos regarding on how to do State Degrees

- i. Example: students being an officer, but not a part of a committee.
Students in a committee, but have not attended a single committee meeting.
- c. Jill thinking about making a “short course” on how to complete a State Degree and have one teacher from each department.
- d. JessaLee informing her region about taking the emails and videos seriously
- e. Video series, short course – on degree applications
- f. Shay – Julie and Wesley did a great job on that topic
- g. JessaLee – Natalie has been great. Maybe have anyone that has really good books and have them
- h. **Suggested** : Natalie create a couple of videos on how to do State Degrees.
- i. **Suggested**: Template for putting together good local FFA meetings, general guidelines. Galt crew knows what to do.
 - i. Who: El Centro, San Luis Obispo,
- j. Suggested: Amber O’Connor – speaking contest templates. Shared with the region. Easy to use for judges, especially at the section level. Giving Amber the mentoring funding instead of Specialized Grant.
- k. Suggested: Engaging all students – using STAG.
- l. **Suggested**: Panel/ group of people for people who have urban students and SAE projects. Guide or video – idea bank that State Staff approves that could be State Degree worthy projects.
 - i. Jackie – find teachers and provide a list of teachers and give a recommendation (look at Eureka too)

Suggested: Tulalake – push them to mentoring instead of specialized

- m. Funding:
 - i. Video on how to do State Degrees - Natalie
 - ii. Non-traditional SAEs – split between different programs within the state
 - iii. Tulalake – helping with virtual CDE’s (specialized grant or mentoring?)
 - iv. FFA Meetings Kit
- n. Greg Suggestion – Have State Staff come up with a list and we send it someone to inform them of what we saw (example: 1 lemon tree with 850 hours).
Send your “grotesque” errors to Greg. He is going to make a document.

Professional Development Contract

1. Still have contract monies
 - a. Sandy needs ideas
2. Sandy and Matt are moving forward with the DELTA conference

3. Jill – new teachers are going to need help with classroom management. We're going to need to provide them with resources to help them. Worried about them not being able to handle classroom management or skills of coaching, managing facilities.
 - a. Seeing disconnect of what they need to know
 - b. Student teachers think they have it "made" over competent.
 - c. They don't know, what they don't know
 - d. They are going to need help
4. Hannah's working on the Change Makers Conference
 - a. Could we switch those stipends from the FFA presenters to the mentors?
 - b. Hannah – the money that was spent on SLE needs to be redistributed to another area.
5. Chuck will ask for Sandy to come to the meeting next week to discuss some ideas.

Chief Deputy (Stephanie Gregson) has decided not to forward out augmentation. Stating that it's too late, not the right time, too much money, too much detail. Lots of excuses of why it is not moving on.

Chuck is going to email Irene to see if he can get more information and Pradeep is backing us.

JessaLee's letter – found out she was one day early

Greg suggested – no FPMs next year

Ag Math

- 1) No one has it in the state
- 2) Doesn't have any standards
- 3) Issue with ag domination – woodshop, home ec, auto shop – and we don't need to add ag math
- 4) UCCI page does have some courses like Ag English, but we need to watch out for that
- 5) Big thing – it needs to be a part of a pathway and needs to give 50% of the standards to ag.

STAR Awards Presentation

- 1) JessaLee, Shay and Hugh came up with some tiers that will work.
- 2) We have great sponsorship just for 4 students, so recognizing regional winners would be great as well.

Ag Sales Topic

- 1) Sent an email to AgSource magazine this morning – hasn't heard back

Proficiency Awards

- 1) Golf cart – repairing golf carts and selling them to golf courses. They sell them to vineyards – would it be ag related? They are taking pictures of golf carts to sell online.
 - a. Ag Photography also an issue --- they take pictures and sell to a magazine?
- 2) **Suggestion:** writing an article about the guidelines on an SAE project. (multiple industry sector) might be using those skills that they learned in ag class, but it's not agriculture related. Shay volunteers to write the article.
- 3) Taking photos of golf carts and selling them online to vineyards – not approved

CDE's

- 1) Most are sponsored
- 2) Milks – Steve DeRose is helping with that project and has some ideas on how to move forward. Tim Brown would help facilitate.
- 3) Poultry – Cindy Brown has been in contact with Texas A&M – they are working on virtual contests and they might be interested in helping out. Tim Brown would not mind in putting it on, as long as someone else does the
- 4) Landscape – Tim said he can help
- 5) AET Records – needs a facilitator
- 6) Soils & Land – Tim said he can help and Allan Hancock College would be interested in hosting (using teachers in that area, possibly)
- 7) Vet Science – Chico State are interested. It will be done at a different time other than their field day. Alyssa and Celina Philips
- 8) Wants to move forward with the host sites so we can get dates set for state finals.
- 9) Question about registration: How is that working? Judging card? There's a fee – so what are the others going to do?
 - a. Can we have one judging card to sign up for the contests – instead of having to register for numerous areas
 - b. There will be a fee for each line – additional to the scorecards (if they decide to use it)
 - c. They would not be using the entire system, only the registration (like they did last year)
- 10) Hosts have until February to give us rule changes so State Staff can review. By March 1 have all the information out to the state.
- 11) Question: \$10 fee was imposed in previous years – are we going to do that this year?

- a. First 5 have not had any fees and Food Science is already
- b. No Fees this year

State Conference Update

- 1) Dane went on Friday for a tour of the Expo facility
- 2) Company supplies equipment for expos and built a studio inside their warehouse
- 3) Room to bring in a set of bleachers for a studio audience
- 4) LED was tested out – able to pop up zooms (to use for awards)
- 5) Officers thought about chapter engagement. Chapters that win, get webcams ---so chapters could have a watch party
- 6) Found out a way to make it all about the members
- 7) Quote would be half cost
- 8) Dane pitched it to the adult board - they were fine with it
- 9) Dates: May 13th -16th
- 10) Finalize virtual platform – career expo, workshops (?)
- 11) Sessions – timed out sessions, Friday session and then it would spread out between Friday and Saturday.
- 12) Delegate workshops worked great last year – want to keep it the same
- 13) Matt and Dane asking what the budget would look like for income.
- 14) Registration? Doesn't seem logical registering all students, but also push back of a “one size fits all”. Looking into tiered registration. Or independently register with the sessions.
- 15) You can track the students engagement in the conference – 100 accounts, etc.
- 16) One good question – Tom Vasquez : thought we were trying to plan a virtual and live session. It still is possible – just depends on the fee for the platform.
- 17) Suggestion – “x” number of log ins / packages.
- 18) Hotels? NomCom Committee being present, etc. Have the last interviews there with nomcom?

Change Makers Summit

- Hannah will be moved to the top of the list next week.

State Staff To Do's:

- Send grotesque list of what State Staff saw wrong with State Degrees to Greg. Greg wants to give Dane the State Degree Verification Forms by February 15th.
- Shay doing the article related to what makes an SAE project

Meeting End Time: 1:02 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 8 @ 11 am