

State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 22, 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

- 2022-23 Ag Incentive Grant
- Innovative SAE's in Urban and Rural Programs Teacher Committee
- State FFA Conference
- Policies for Virtual CDE's FFA Advisory Committee
- 21-22 Master Calendar
- MFE/ALA/CMS
- Impromptu
- National Star
- AET

Reminder – Complete 700 form and send in.

Chuck is putting together a document to see who need to update certain trainings.

AIG: Hugh

- Everything in the document can be created by a single AET report (hopefully)
- Need to make sure that the department of finance is ok with it – good place to start
- We don't know how everything is going to be weighted and we don't know what they would get in those areas until they apply for the grant.
- Revision – number of hours was removed – it is now the number of activities
- Goal – to have something to give to everyone at our summer conference in June so we have something to give to the department to get approved
- Next Step: Revise documentation to show what we need to look at when doing program reviews – good for our retreat
- AIG – no language in the law that says anything about high school or middle school. If we get the 10.4 million, do we want to use that money to also include middle school?
 - Need someone else to look through it – can't find the language about it being only 9-12 and not middle school

- Take a look at Ed Code if you have the time to see if you find anything.

Calendar for the Following Year:

- Need to start looking at calendars so we can start planning for the next year
- Dane has dates from Mosaic for the next 7 years – end of June
- That would mean we would have a convention site – and no longer have a rotation
- Do we have the conversation or do we stick with a mid March convention.
- We have the option for next year – if we wanted to – move the convention to the end of the June in 2022
- Anaheim has a letter of intent for March 2023
- Suggestion – keep it in March – we have no clue what fairs will be going on. Following year, still go to Anaheim – starting 2024 – where do we want have our permanent location.
- Too much for teachers to handle right now if we decide to move it all to June.
- Fair conflicts in June – Summer CATA is already an issue with San Diego section/teachers and we might find the same issues with the FFA programs.
- If you have dates to add to the calendar – forward those so we can keep an updated calendar.

CDE Policies:

- Committee is creating an “anti-cheating” guide.
- Anything else you come up with the next few weeks – make sure you send the information to Dane so they can add that to the guide.
- It’s more than “guidance” – it’s going to be more of what to go over with your students, what is cheating and the consequences of cheating.
- Procotor might be apart of that as well
- Question: When they cheat – who is determining that? – State Staff will enforce. Just want to make sure that we are the correct on who is responsible. IF CATA oversees curricular code – then would CATA be in charge?
- If someone has been caught cheating in the past, then the individual and team would be kicked out by the State FFA Advisor.
- Suggestion – Easy access for teachers to say that they understand the cheating guidelines before they register for their contests.
- Hard to see if students are cheating virtually. We need to stress to the teachers about cheating and what is not acceptable. *Send out a message to your region telling them to have those conversations. That message needs to come out now rather than later.*

- Advisory Committee wanted “something” to hold people accountable and a better understanding about what happens when you cheat.
 - Additional measures – having them be on Zoom and have to share on their phones of their surrounding areas (example of what they did with David).
- Update on Registration
 - Sites that are hosting their events, they need to submit all their information so Kerry and Susan can get all the information
 - Open March 1 and closes on April 1
 - Issue – small minimal fee for judging card to facilitate the registration
 - Waiting to hear back from hosts on Feb. 26th
 - When registering my team – do we identify who is on the team with a drop down or just my team?
 - Is it possible for teachers to identify students a month a head of time?
 - If we have judging card write the student information on the judging card – it’s a \$1 per student. If we change that name, it’s additional funding.
 - Question – purchasing scanners to run the cards (\$4,500 to scan cards)- with multiple sites, it might not be possible.
 - It is going to be up to the host site on what they want to do (using Judging Card scorecards or something else)
 - Hosts have until Feb. 26th on what they are changing on the contest.
 - **Motion: Names must be entered at state finals registration**
 - Motion – Jill
 - Second – Greg
 - Passed
- Roger doing AET Recordbook Contest
 - \$10 per team
 - Does that include registration?
 - Does Roger know about the deadline on Feb. 26th

Impromptu: JessaLee

- Confusion on the purpose of Impromptu
- Teachers are confused on using the virtual guides vs what curricular code has
- The way curricular code is set up and how many rooms you need to go through.
- Issue – Teacher had her students write out their answers and blamed it on the virtual guide
- What do we want to do with the contest? Is it worth the effort?
- Do we bring it to the table? What does it fulfill? What does it do differently than other public speaking contests?
- We need to wait until the contest is up for review and State Staff would deem it relevant

- Suggestions in chat: Rather drop Impromptu and add Spanish Creed
- Impromptu is on list A –
- Motion: Recommend that Chuck Parker to cancel Impromptu when it is up for review this coming year.
 - Motion: Jill
 - Second: JessaLee
 - Discussion – we need to submit a proposal on June 1 to Kerry and have it up for review.
 - Discussion – Need to go to Governing Board and have them suspend it since it has a curricular code.
 - Motioned to Reconsider the Motion – Jill
 - Second – Hugh
 - Passed to Reconsider the motion:
 - Motion – Jill and JessaLee create a proposal to submit to Governing Board to suspend Impromptu
 - Second Hugh
 - Passed

National Star

- National Stars – Questions for who should be considered – question about Seth.
 - Already received his American Degree – so no longer can apply
- Make a list of people now? Or wait until we get applications
 - Darren Borba – Star Placement
 - Josh Rurple (check spelling) – Star Farmer (as in June 29, 2020 minutes)
- Let teachers know that we have not selected anyone for Star Agribusiness or Star Agriscience

AET

- When inactivating teacher – asking for a drop down menu to say where they are going

SAE's in Urban areas Committee

- Wants a list of teachers who would be good at this for a committee
- Send names to Chuck, if possible

Conference Updates:

- GLC will go off line on March 15th

- For GLC next year – Hannah is contacting host sites to see where everyone is at (if we can have them, etc)
- MFE/ALA – calls from teachers about registrations being full
 - Ended up opening a 13-14 weekend – date is open
 - Still spots available – but we do have limits (SO schedule)
 - Please inform them about how this is an engaging conference – breakout rooms are already full with students
 - Sending boxes this week
- Change Maker Summit
 - Registration will open in March
 - Originally in June for students going into their Senior year --- do we want to offer that this year too? August instead?
 - Hannah can split the funding between the two conferences to make them work.
 - Question – ending date? Money just needs to be spent in the 2021 calendar year.
 - August would be an online conference – all the online material would already be built and use the same staff.
 - Motion: Hannah do an online conference for the Change Makers Summit in August.
 - Motion: Hugh
 - Second: Shay
 - Passed

Dane Update:

- Regional Balance Sheet – Regional Officers got care packages – just an FYI.
- AET message – reminder for Nom Com – March 1st – we have nothing right now. And State Officers – we have 1 so far – keep spreading the word. Scholarship applications, etc.
- FFA Officers who want to officers – great turn out!
- Webinar happening this week – 107 registered so far. They do count as above the chapter level activity. Doing 1 per month at the last Thursday of each month
- Getting contracts approved for State Conference
- Possibly looking at 3 tiers for registration costs.
- Will need some help with workshops – how to run it.

Update on the “grievance”

- Judge asked Reggie to provide more information. Once that is provided, we have a few days to respond to it. Are then giving them more time because they have merit?
- Shay suggestion– please remind them to have a conversation with Mike Medeiros on what it was insured for when they were transporting it to Anaheim.

Golden Owl Winners

- Getting a swag bag for the regional winners
- Box is being delivered to someone who is on the winner and so they can present them

Meeting End Time: 12:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 1 @ 11 am