

State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 22, 2021

Present:

- Charles Parker
- Jill Sperling
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- Greg Beard
- Hugh Mooney
- JessaLee Goehring
- Jackie Jones
- Pete Callas
- Diane Wong
- Nina Snow
- Melissa Webb
- Matt Patton
- Trisha Chapman
- Hannah Garrett

Called to Order: 10:02 am

Agenda:

Job Interview
Division Director Comments (Pete)
CATA/Legislative Update (Matt)
IT/Training/Etc. (Charles)
Work Based Learning (Jill)
Ag Literacy (Jackie)
FFA Membership Update (Trisha)
Scholarships (Jill)
Proficiency Awards (Shay)
Agriscience Fair (JessaLee)
CDE's (Greg)
MFE/ALA/CMS (Hannah)
Student Teacher Meeting with Regional Supervisors
State Zoom Lunches
AET Profiles
STAR Tours
Parli Pro

Job Interview - Jill

- Scores will be available and emails will go out throughout today to both students and teachers either congratulating them or informing them that they did not make the top 50%
- Emails will go out to the top 50% tomorrow

Introduction to Interim Director - Pete

- Pete Callas – wants to join our meetings as much as he can

- Put in the request about our travel for our state conference – hopefully hear back by next week
- Met with the superintendent and the chief deputy
- Issue that they brought to Pete’s attention – wants to see us improve the perspective of our department out in the field. Need to improve relationship with the chancellors office
- Positive Note– 5 assembly members in the hearing – wants to see the k-12 workforce money to go back to k12 and not the chancellor’s office – everyone agreed with him. This will hopefully increase funding for CTEIG
- Question – do we have any direction on going back to the office?
 - Still in limbo – no decision yet – might be in rotations in small groups on who can go back to the office
- Question – Planning calendars / meetings – should we be planning hybrid or in person?
 - Spring – I would say hybrid/in person – but things can change.
 - Fall – not too sure how the fall is going to go – hybrid model will probably be best
 - Will know more when our division director is appointed
- Reach out to Pete if you have any questions – open door policy

CATA Update – Matt

- CA board of Education passed a “model ethnics study” in curriculum
 - If this becomes mandatory down the road – it will affect CTE programs/ classes
- CTC – Giving CTE rights to dance, art and theatre majors
 - Big issue – pushing back on this
 - Pete – AME has been in contact with Pete about the credential piece. They are worried and concerned too.
- AB839 million dollars in CTEIG – 150 million
 - Usually it gets through the assembly, but it needs to get through the senate
 - O’Donnell wanting k12 workforce money to be with k12
 - Interesting thing: currently 12 million goes towards community colleges for staffing and \$275,000 for school sites.
- Push to get A-G classes required in all schools
 - Trying to push that CTE be a requirement for school as well.

Department Update – Charles

- Thank you for giving me your requests for your computers
- There are some funds available for us for tech since we did not have any travel

- If you need anything IT wise – Savannah is working on that
- Training – if there is something that you would like to do - check it out with HR. They have conflict resolution, management, etc – encourages to see what is out there and is fully supported.
- 10 days ago, Caroline Zachary’s father passed away. We are providing a note/materials showing our condolences.
- Partnership academies in your region – please make sure they spend their funds. We have released a lot of those restrictions – we have pretty much approved everything
- Thank you to Diane for working on AIG.
 - Amendment is not out yet. Hopefully get it soon
 - Any determination on Specialized AIG? Yes – Chuck will send the information out today.
- Thank you Nina for helping us with the timecards and supporting us. And for supporting Melissa and her department.
- Congrats to Melissa on her numbers! 11,014 students. Fantastic!
 - Just had their teachers conference – post secondary and secondary together
 - Communication between both levels was great to have!
 - Hopefully to continue to do down the road
- Doing well with contracts - all should be done soon

Work based Learning Committee - Jill

- Have had 2 meetings
- First meeting looked at language (virtual vs. singular work based learning) – flushed out some of the vocabulary and verbiage
- Last meeting – starting to look at different continuums of the work based learning model
- WBL is not all CTE oriented, so we need to have a broader view
- Looking at CCI – need to see what is provided and what is not.

Ag Literacy – Jackie

- CDFA Farm to School – great conference, was given an idea on what elementary and middle school programs need from us
- Hopes do get a group together by the end of April to discuss having an ag literacy symposium
 - Ag Day – during State Conference – would be cool to have that apart of
- Question on K-8 credential – what do we require from them?
 - Middle school – single subject credential, CTE, etc – same as high school teachers

- K-6 – no requirements
- If they are using CTEIG funds to support agriculture – then they need to follow those guidelines and have the correct credentials
- Question - CSU are not accepting second BS candidates ?
 - Is that just a Fresno State or is that all CSU's
 - Fresno not accepting second BS candidates
 - No word from other CSU's

Membership Update - Trisha

- 90,209 member as of today
- Working with Roger and Clay at AET to get membership numbers more accurate
- “DONE” account created in AET to show if students are enrolled with CA FFA and National FFA.
 - How to access: In the FFA Roster Helper (go to Accounts, click on FFA Roster Helper and you can find the DONE number)
 - Might be a couple off because some were in the inactive list (example: not in the program during the spring). BUT they are still a member for a full year – which will make our numbers match.
- AET has a directory and is active.
 - The AET app – you can access the directory.
 - Or in AET you can click on the JudgingCard link and click on the advisory link (you can find chapters, teachers, etc)
- Months in Ag – something else that they have added
 - Access : Go to Accounts, Months in Ag
- 16 chapters with past dues - supervisors will be getting an email
- Teachers can get to National FFA through AET now
- Few programs do not have students enrolled – so you might be receiving an email

Scholarship – Jill

- 147 scholarships turned in
- Plan is to do Zoom interviews this year with the students
- Matt is happy to help with looking at the scholarships
- Jill is going to look through each application to make sure that there is no issues before they go to sponsors (example: Zenith)
- Possibly do this different next year – maybe have the advisory board to it instead of the state officers

Proficiencies – Shay

- Thursday Night – guidelines were sent out
- Friday – every student received an email with questions pertaining to their category
- Video deadline – Sunday, March 28th
- Would never have a student fly home to do their video – they do not need to be in CA to do their videos
- We are not scoring on video production – simply on their answers to their questions.
- If anyone is concerned about disqualifications – feel free to send them to Chuck and he can share with them the information behind it.
- Disqualification lists were sent out to everyone
- 92 judges so far – but might need about 120 total
- Hugh – did it differently, only has teachers that look through the applications and then give appropriate feedback – superior had 0 DQ's
- Still value of people being in person – but like the idea of assigning teachers to categories

Agriscience

- Applications were due last Friday
- Creating judging cards with Roger
- Once the manuscripts are scored – the ones that have high scores will be able to do display boards
- Less than last year – but a lot of things going on

CDE Update

- Registration closes on April 1st
- Between 4 – 5 teams (at this time)
- What happens after April 1st ? Should we send out a reminder to let them know.
- Chuck will put something together to go out to the field
- What is the turn around time on Judging Card? We should discuss with Alyssa on what her thoughts are on that.
- Which CDE's are using the scantrons for their state finals – will check with Alyssa
- Are we ok with having teams add with a late fee?
- Changing names – many are waiting until the last minute to enter their teams
- Hugh – Somewhat cautious on allowing teams to register late – might be harder for hosts to get judges, etc.

Conference Updates – Hannah

- MFE / ALA completely done

- 165 students at most were logging in
- More than 235 registered at the last conference
- Those who did attend the conference – really enjoyed it and were extremely grateful
- Conference that had issues (12-13 conference) – State Officers handled it very well
 - Can we narrow down the list of students and match their names to who was there?
- Chang Makers Summit
 - Biggest issue is getting the information online
 - Got everything up on Friday (so far 79 students registered)
 - Have until April 9th to register
 - Boxes will be going out for this one as well

Student Teacher Meeting with Regional Supervisors:

- Shay – Student Teachers reaching out and are in a “bad place” – they need some encouragement. Really concerned about the job market and want to meet and talk with the regional supervisors. It would be great if we could find some time to give to them.
- They have questions, have never met the regional supervisors, etc.
- Student Teachers – are they in AET? Who is putting them in?
 - Regional Supervisors if the cooperating teachers ask

Resuming the “State Zoom” Lunch

- Different time
- State Conference Zoom with Dane to explain more about the conference
- Maybe we need to do the same thing with the Student Teachers?

AET Profiles

- Still push your teachers to complete their AET Profiles
- Congrats to JessaLee and Shay for getting their teacher profiles complete
- Get as much updated ASAP

STAR Tours

- Information went to the teachers and the State Officers have made contact with each of the students.
- The schedule is created and the students should be aware
- Everyone is on the road today
- Hugh will share the STAR tours with the regional supervisors

Parli Pro

- JotForm registration
- Should hopefully go out today
- National FFA intends to have some of the National Conference live

Meeting End Time: 11:41 am

Next Meeting: Monday, March 29 @ 10 am