

State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 12, 2021

Present:

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

Called to Order: 10:06 am

Agenda:

- AET & National FFA.org
- COVID Stimulus
- State Conference dates & 21-22 Calendar
- CDE Update
- Agriscience Fair Update
- Scholarship Update
- Proficiency Update
- Job Interview
- Student Teacher Zoom with Regional Supervisors
- State Conference Update
- May 13th – 18
- 21-22 AIG Application

AET & National FFA.org Merge – Roger

- Question: They have a chapter CA0040 – that is inactive program in CA – known as the “inactive teacher file”.
- FFA.org was asking what to do with this “chapter”
- Roger - just get rid of them and if they come back, we can place them into a chapter
- On AET – if a teacher is inactive, they do not move to an “dumping group”, you just inactivate them until they move to another site.
- 130ish teachers that are in the “dumping group chapter”
- **BIG QUESTION** – do you want a list of the teachers? Do you want us to still keep it?
 - Suggestion – delete the holding chapter – we don’t need it anymore. AET does a better job at moving teachers from one school to the next.
- If we deactivate them in AET – what happens them in FFA.org?
 - Roger – working toward linking it all together with FFA.org
- What happens if they get a job in August? What happens to the FFA.org account?

- Roger – trying to get both systems to work the same. AET will move their information from school “A” to school “B”.
- Roger has the copy of the teacher information, just in case.
- Informed Roger to delete the “holding” chapter
- CLEAN UP ITEMS:
 - Senior Exit Interview Process – When students are about to graduate to give them some questions about the program before they leave.
 - They would have a profile that would show up when they are junior/senior/two year –and they would have a new profile to fill out
 - Questions would ask about where they are going after they graduate – what is their plan.
 - Parker -Would an automatic email be able to go out to all seniors and an email outside a school email?
 - Parker – We have sample questions somewhere
 - Roger – we can do a brand new icon that would appear on their AET profile and then remind teachers for seniors to fill out that new profile
 - They would have access to change their phone numbers, address, email address, etc. and teachers can see how much the seniors have completed.
 - Roger – just needs help with questions
 - Hugh – we want to make sure it aligns with the new AIG since we want to pull data from AET, etc. He can get his committee to create some questions. Adding things if they want to be an alumni member, where are they going after school, hoping to get more information, etc.
 - Probably will not be able to get the questions together before the end of May. We will be meeting together as a staff after our conference, so we can gather questions then too.
 - Want to also add questions about the program as a whole – how it helped them with their career, college, etc.
 - Want to make sure to have a permanent connection with them.
 - Roger -Will create something basic for right now and can add onto it later
 - Regional & State Professional Development
 - You can create a PD event and if you created the event, you can record the list of teachers that participated.
 - July 1st – June 30th for PD dates
 - This would be a recording of who attends not the registration piece
 - New teacher journal that can be developed by the regions
 - Suggestion – teacher bar codes? Could that be helpful?

- All teachers have a teacher ID and AET ID – so that is totally doable
 - Can start working on this in May
- Let Roger know if he wants us during the summer months.

COVID Stimulus Funds

- Sent out an email last week
- Want teachers to know to ask questions about how much they are getting
- The 4th round is coming out soon
- Everything that we do with FFA centers around with mental and physical help – so they can use that to pay for conferences, etc.
- Trying to set up a Zoom meeting for admin and teachers

State Conference Dates (2023 and beyond) & 2021-22 Calendar

- 22' – Sac, 23' – Anaheim – nothing past that
- Do we want to stay with the March date? Do we want to change dates?
- Sometime in July?
- Input on State Conference Dates:
 - March is intense – July would be great, but I don't think teachers are going to be excited for that.
 - Summer vacations, county fairs, low conference numbers, etc.
 - We haven't had a March convention yet – we rearranged the schedule to accommodate – trying to change the date again is not a good idea. Need some consistency – we need to experience it first.
 - Important to have it during the school year.
 - Hopefully be able to be in person next year.
 - Calendars have already been shifted to public speaking in the fall, so we need to see how this goes.
 - March is still in the middle of the spring – are we still recognizing students properly for the whole year
 - We need to look at the calendar and be ok with changing things – might need to do some events after state conference.
 - MFE/ALA's, SLN, Chapter visits – it's going to be a lot – we need some flexibility with the calendar
 - Really need to see what we are doing and ask “is that the best way” are we just doing things just to do things
 - SaveMart center in Fresno? It is central – understandable about the lawsuit.

- Issue with hotels (for everyone), space for workshops, etc.
 - If Fresno wants to bid, then they can do that
- Do we need LDE's to be a part of State Conference?
- In Mosaic meeting – continue with the convention dates as is and then have bids go out for 24' and beyond
- Can ask teachers (Advisory Committee) to survey their region and ask them how they feel about LDE's moving and moving things on the calendar.
- Need to decide when we are having events occur – planning meetings are coming up soon.
- Colleges have already moved their field days – they are already picking dates, so we need to formalize something quick.
- Take a look at the calendar and sit down with your CATA officers – discuss regional events
- Suggestion – Can we have a work session where we are only talking about the calendar and get it finalized.
- **Calendar meeting on Monday, April 19th**
- Take a look at the tentative calendar and be prepared to go over it next Monday.

CDE Update

- 5 events already closed on the 2nd, the others will close on Friday
- 5-7 teams max per event, so far
- 160 chapters that have signed up for at least one CDE

Agriscience Fair

- In the second round
- Second part is May 3rd & 4th – interviews conducted over Zoom with their team projects
- Should have that schedule out by the end of next week – will be emailing them individually, not as a state email
- Judges have been taking the deadlines to the extreme – but it went well.
- Like Roger's process with having a second round submitted separately
- Give JessaLee a call or email if you have any questions

Scholarship Update

- 147 scholarship turned in – working through those within the next 2 days
- Cannot publicize until Zenith gives Jill the 4 names.

- Zoom interviews with the finalist and the sponsors the first week of May
- Interviews will be spread out throughout the week

Proficiency Update

- Participants have not sent in the thank you cards – there is a bunch missing
- Awards are ordered and should be mailed soon
- Still waiting on some of the proficiency judges to finish judging the videos

Job Interview

- Went really well – each supervisor should have the results
- They will have a chance to redo their cover letters and resumes – no cut

Student Teacher Zoom

- 3:30 – pop on, just give a brief introduction about your region.

State Conference

- Dane will send out an email regarding State Conference
- Reviewing hotels and booking
- Not too many jobs to do at the actual video event (food, etc).
- All the pieces are coming pretty well
- Wants to create a video for all finalists – everything being announced live.
- State Officers were able to get some honorary degrees out
- State Degree ceremonies have been a little bit of an headache – still waiting for information to be submitted. Rolling credits for students who do not having anything.
- State Degrees all went out.
- Finalists need to be registered for State Conference.
- 20-22% above the minimum – fine financially
- Workshops – worried about that. If you think of anyone, please let Dane know.
- Trying to get Nom Com to Sacramento to State Conference. Hopefully that will go through

May 13 – 18th

- Will have dates finalized when we need to be up in Sacramento for the conference
- 17th – stay around, totally focused on one or two topics (example: AIG 2023, etc)

- 18th – fly or drive back home

2021-2022 AIG Applications – out within the next few weeks.

Meeting End Time: 11:35 am

Next Meeting: Monday, April 19 @ 10 am – Calendar Meeting