

State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 23, 2021

Present:

- Charles Parker
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- Jill Sperling
- JessaLee Goehring
- Greg Beard
- Jackie Jones

Called to Order: 10:03 AM

Agenda Items:

- Staffing Update
- State Staff Retreat
- National FFA Board of Trustees
- Department Updates
- CTSO meeting & CTE
- COVID protocols
- AIG
- Website Update

Staffing Update:

- Had the interview Friday for the Assistant Advisor position
- Extending offer

State Staff Retreat

- Checked out the location – it was great
- In the middle of the rice fields
- Might be able to get an industry tour as well
- Going to use it for our staff retreat
- 7 – 9th – starting after lunch and ending by 1 pm on Thursday
- Let Jill and others know when our flights land in Sac
- Let Parker know what needs to be added to the agenda

National FFA Board of Trustees Meeting:

- Parker is going to the first meeting, since Austin stepped down

- That position will be open and voting will occur at our NASAE meeting (if anyone is interested)

Department Update:

- Department is quiet
- Will be giving the new director a brief explanation of what we do

CTSO /CTE

- CTSO leaders have been going once a month
- At the last meeting, they decided to have virtual chapters/ programs
 - Still need to have a qualified teacher, etc
- Parker wrote a letter explaining our stance on this topic
- This does not affect Ag Ed – we are not allowing virtual programs to exist
- Credentials: Talk about doing away with CTE credentials – something that we do not want.

Passing of Ben

- Does not have updates on services
- Delta Cal Section has a donation going on

COVID

- SOLC events for central – not too sure what to do – middle of September
- Many teachers have said that their schools are not allowing them to travel
- What are other regions doing?
 - Southern – COLC not until Oct – planning for in person. If something changes, then they will shift to it being virtual
 - San Joaquin – coming across the same issues. Districts not allowing students / teachers to travel
- CATA is going to be making some rules – “if you have a fever, don’t feel well, etc”
 - Suggest that we provide a virtual option for teachers who cannot attend in person
- Conference refunds- if teachers registered for Greenhand Conference and then cannot make it (district tells them ‘no’) – can the board give refunds to those programs?
 - Will ask, but there is no guarantees
- Suggestion – can we create a form that has the principal sign to say that they are not allowing teachers/ students to travel
 - Some programs taking advantage of virtual vs. in person
 - Suggestion: we can add an additional paperwork to the COVID form to show that they teachers have approval from their district/admin that they can attend
- Need to stress to teachers that they need to go through the whole process to get it approved

- We have a lot of new teachers – they need to be reminded of the importance of following protocol
- Question: How many teachers that have come down with COVID have been vaccinated?
 - A few who have been vaccinated have gotten COVID
- Question: Can we ask how many students have been vaccinated?

AIG:

- FFA Activities/ CATA Professional Development for this year – going towards the new AIG requirements:
 - 6 professional development events (instead of 4)
 - If programs do not meet those criteria, then check and see why they didn't meet it
 - Have teachers focus on other things within AET (logging SAE project visits, etc)
- AIG Program Reviews:
 - You can do them virtually
 - Do what you feel comfortable with

Website Update:

- Still need the migration process to happen with AET to CalAgEd
- Issue: Have run out of time with our hours for the month – they said 4 hours would work for them to figure out the problem and do the migration
- Matt gave approval for 4 hours
- Will be moving forward with the additional 4 hours for the month to fix the Teacher ID issues and do the migration process

Judges for Speaking Contests for Nationals

- Need judges
- If you know of anyone or you would like to judge, let Parker know

Meeting End Time: 11:51 pm

Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 @ 10 am

