

## Ag Ed Department Meeting –September 12th @ 10 am

### Attendance:

- Charles Parker
- Jill Sperling
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- Hugh Mooney
- JessaLee Goehring
- Greg Beard
- Tim Brown

### Department Updates:

- For those in Sacramento area:
  - o Thursday September 15, going to take Nina to lunch for those local.
  - o Thursday, October 6, plan on taking Diane to lunch for retirement. Chuck would like ideas for a retirement gift for Diane.
  - o Let chuck know if you can make it.
- SSA position- no news on this yet. Hope to announce within the next week the open position. The OT position paperwork just started last week, and Charles hopes within the next 30-45 days it will be posted and filled.
- Nina is working on all travel to get it submitted this week.
- Please get any travel claims submitted asap.
- National Convention- Chuck met with lawyer working on recommendation to approve the travel. Still have to ask again to get approval. He hopes to know soon, but has no idea on how long it will take.
  - o Jill and Trisha are working on flights, she has not got flights for JessaLee or Shay. Tim's flight cost \$50 to cancel. Ticket prices are going up, would be good to know sooner rather than later.
- Revised Due Dates- Chuck will be sure to send changes to all.
- Special Accommodations Form and MOU's Chuck will send to us all to review and take action at next meeting to get these out and signatures done.
- Telework Policy has been developed and given to Chuck. He has a manager training on it, he will keep us posted on how it goes.

### Ag Incentive Grant Update:

- Hugh gave update on AIG. He has spent time with Roger and Clay going over data, and reports. He asked that as you have section meetings, remind teachers that they can see the reports. They hope to have the version of AIG that would calculate everything in the application, data and funding.
- Hugh is working on putting dollar signs on the 3 different categories of FFA, SAE and classroom. When reviewing program data, averages will be developed as a means for programs to meet to receive funding. As of now, the # of programs meeting the average are Classroom -126 programs, Leadership-146 programs, SAE (126 programs).

- There will be two funding levels in each category. To meet the lower funding level- they have to meet the average to get first level of funding, if they are higher than they would be funded at higher level.
- \$3 million set aside for basic funding, that includes the basic funding requirements, # of teachers and # of students.
- Chuck asked Hugh if it would be possible to pull data now, with the funding levels to see where schools would be at in funding- to get a number on there. Hugh is working with Clay and Roger and can let us know soon.

#### “Stars” Update

- Shay is working with Roger to see if we can get scoring for STARS on AET.

#### State Officer Update- Tim

- SO have been doing more trainings, and conducting chapter visits.
- Entertainment is almost all worked out for Friday evening of State Leadership Conference.
- From Greg: SOLC was held in South Coast and State Officers exceeded expectations. It was a fun, productive weekend for all.

#### National Delegates

- Jill asked if Time could communicate with the national delegates to please have them respond to email in regards to the concert tickets, asap so Jill can get this ordered for 9/14.

#### Middle School Language

- Determining what middle schools and high schools’ chapter names are going to be as more middle schools begin. For example, some middle schools are in in the same district as other schools, questions have come forward about the naming of the middle school chapter to be the same as the high school. It is tough to answer, especially if the middle schools feed into different high schools within the district. Currently, there is nothing in the State FFA Constitution/Bylaws and Chuck asked that Tim work on some language for the constitution/bylaws to clear it up and propose for it to be added.

#### Trimester Enrollment for Schools

- All members must complete a year of instruction to be an active FFA member. For trimesters to be active members they must be enrolled in the ag course 1<sup>st</sup> trimester, or 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, if they are, then they are considered to be active members. Students must complete 2 of 3 trimesters to be an active member- as long as it completes a year long course of study in agriculture.

End Time: 10:57

Next Ag Ed Staff Meeting: October 10, 2022