**Agricultural Education Advisory Committee Meeting**

# June 14, 2021

# FFA Center, Galt

**Minutes**

**Members Present**: Shelli Stinson, Dustin Sperling, Matt Patton, Anthony Catalan, Robin Grundmeyer, Jacob Wenger, Martha Macial, Alan Kennedy, Lynn Martindale, Lauren Peterson, Breanna Holbert, Nicolina Alves and Charles Parker.

**Guests Present:** Jill Sperling, Jaiden Wenger, Shay Williams-Hopper, Jackie Jones and Hugh Mooney.

| **Tuesday, June 14, 2021** | **Information** | **Decision / Future Action Needed** |
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| Call to Order by the Chair | Anthony Catalan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05am PST. |  |
| 1. Approve minutes of September 24, 2020 meeting
 | The minutes were emailed to all committee members. No corrections or changes were received.  | Shelli Stinson moved and Jacob Wenger seconded to approve the September 24, 2020 minutes as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. |
| 1. California Department of Education Report
 | Charles Parker provided a brief update regarding CDE.* New Career and College Transition Division Director, Pete Callas.
* Two Manager Positions open in CCTD, one in High School Initiatives and the other in CTE/Perkins/CTEIG.
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| 1. CTE Funding
 | Charles Parker provided an update on current funding for CTE programs.* + There seems to be plenty of funding for CTE at this time (Perkins, CTEIG, K-12 Strong Workforce, Ag Incentive Grant and COVID Recovery)
	+ Encouraging local teachers to work with their Advisory Committees to find out from their local administration how funds are being utilized.
	+ Possible uses of COVID funds include air systems in shops, restrooms at school farms, laboratory counters for agriscience classrooms, among others.
	+ COVID funds can also be used to mitigate mental and social concerns. Funds could be used to provide opportunities for more students to attend conferences and events.
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| 1. California FFA Report
 | A written and oral report was provided as an update with the FFA by Charles Parker.* State FFA Conference was a huge success.
* Was able to bring in final state officer candidates and nominating committee for in person interviews.
* New State FFA Officers: Marc Cabeliza, President, Santa Maria-Pioneer Valley; Hannah Kunkle, Vice President, Apple Valley; Paul Horta, Secretary, McArthur-Fall River; Lesly Madriz, Treasurer, Madera; Jake Dowell, Reporter, O’Neals-Minarets; and Reagan Denny, Sentinel, Yuba City.
* A handout was shared that highlighted the accomplishments for 2020-2021.
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| 1. CATA Update
 | Matt Patton provided an update on CATA.* + State Budget proposed includes funds for K-12 Strong Workforce, CTEIG and Ag Incentive.
	+ Increase of funding proposed for CTEIG.
	+ 917 registered for the upcoming CATA Conference which will once again be held in a virtual format.
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| 1. Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Road Map
 | Charles Parker shared the work being done by National FFA in the development of value statements and an FFA for All map* + Chair asked for volunteers and appointed the committee.
	+ Committee is chaired by Dane White, Assistant State FFA Advisor.
	+ Committee members are Breanna Holbert, Lynn Martindale, Martha Macial, Jacob Wenger and Anthony Catalan.
	+ Charles is to share FFA Value Statements and FFA for All Documents for review by the committee at starting points.
 | Jacob Wenger moved and Alan Kennedy seconded to form a committee to develop a Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Road Map for Agriculture Education in California to report back at the September Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. |
| 1. Agriculture Education Incentive Grant
 | Charles Parker and Hugh Mooney shared the latest application updates for funding. * + Moving from input to output based system.
	+ Will begin with 2022-2023 funding year.
	+ Data for application is based on use of AET.
	+ Walked through the application (Part A and Part B)
	+ Part A is criteria that must be met.
	+ Part B is criteria that as it is met adds points which then affects funding level.
	+ Part B is based on classroom, SAE, FFA and programs.
	+ Shay Williams-Hopper walked the committee through the AET system highlighting student and teacher inputs and reports.
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| 1. Agricultural Literacy & Education Summit
 | Jackie Jones, Southern Region Supervisor, provided a report on Agricultural Literacy.* + Farm to Fork Grants. Shared a link to those that received funding. (www.cdfa.ca.gov/grants/docs/summaries\_of\_submitted\_project\_naratives\_2021\_CDFA\_F25\_Incubator\_Grant\_Program.pdf)
	+ CDFA Farm to Fork Conference – worked with others to understand expectations of the grants and who delivers agriculture literacy.
	+ Ag Literacy Symposium (need a focused agenda; break into subgroups, i.e. K-8, 9-12 and adults; virtual meeting; next steps)
	+ Jacob Wenger shared National Ag Science Center’s program Ag in Motion to be included.
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| 1. Middle School Agriculture Curriculum
 | Charles Parker shared a need to focus on Middle Schools and developing agriculture programs.* + Need to have a focus, why?
	+ How do we get the middle school students to fall in love with agriculture?
	+ Should we have a model curriculum?
	+ What activities should be available for middle school students.
 | Recommended to work with CATA to establish a subcommittee within their structure to allow middle school teachers to meet and share their voices. |
| 1. Student Certification
 | Dustin Sperling provided an update on certification projects. * + Central Region Consortium has developed certifications in Ag Mechanics and Floriculture.
	+ Working on certifications in Agriculture Science.
	+ Funding is in place to allow any student in California to go through the certifications for the next two years.
	+ Tier 1 and Tier 2 certifications.
	+ Should there be exam only certifications?
	+ Could the field days and career development events become certification sites where teachers bring classes rather than four students.
	+ Need to develop a system that will support the hiring of a Certification Director.
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| 1. Future Meetings
 | Meetings will be scheduled for September 2021, March 2022 (to coincide with State FFA Leadership Conference) and June 2022 (to be at the CATA Summer Conference). Exact dates will be forthcoming. |  |
| 1. Meeting Adjournment
 |  | Meeting was adjourned at 1:21pm |
| 1. Lunch
 | Lunch was provided by CATA and available at the end of the meeting. |  |