

Oregon School Activities Association

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes / May 26, 2020 / 2pm

The meeting was called to order by Kimberly McConnell at 2:04pm.

Jeremy Zander motioned to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2020 meeting, Amber Cowgill seconded; unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed the agenda.

Peter Weber gave the OSAA Report including the information covering current development of contingency groups focused on discussing possible changes due to the Coronavirus pandemic limitations. Band, Orchestra, Speech and Choir contingency groups will be developed in the future but are not meeting at this time. There is a continued focus on collecting information that will affect our activities from the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Education, schools and the NFHS as we develop guidance for our Association for each of our activities. One concern that has been brought up already is the area of academic eligibility. The common message is that we will err on the side of students academically in these challenging times.

Activity Reports / Action Items

- a. Cheerleading: Everything is going well and no issues currently. The OCCA judges affiliations has connected with the Oregon Athletic Officials Association. With the change to being affiliated with the OAOA, there are some basic changes to the score sheets that need to be addressed. Jenn Wilson motioned to approve the proposal, Dave McCall seconded; approved unanimously, moved onto the OAOA for final approval.
- b. Dance/Drill: The main question that keeps coming up for dance programs is what it will look like in the Fall when we start back. The Fall competition season continues to be a topic of conversation. The DDCA proposed a division of the 6A Division at the state championships. With the change in minimum number of performers has allowed more 6A teams to compete and there have been added teams each year for the past few years who are coming to state. With that, there is a challenge with having 22-28 teams competing in 6A. Coaches feel it is an equity issue with other classifications that have less teams competing for the same number of trophies. The proposal breaks up the 6A division to two geographical area sets of teams. This is a proposal that would need to go to the State Championships Committee which will meet beginning in the end of the school year in 2021 and this proposal would be able to be implemented in 2023 if it was approved. The SAAC asked the DDCA to provide evidence of support from their membership before moving it forward to the State Championship Committee.

c. Music

- i. Band/Orchestra: Concern that the Band/Orchestra/Choir that the words are clear that the recommendations are for now phase 1 and clearly stated. Same with Kim. Concerned people are taking today's guidance into next year.
- ii. Choir: Choir would like to continue the discussion regarding choral shells being used that the state championships. There was a discussion of possible changes to the site reading rubric. The proposal was not brought at this time, but the changes are being worked on.





- iii. Solo: Tom Muller has retired from his position directing the solo state championships. Kyle Stanfield will connect with Jeremy Zander on filling his position with the Solo Music State Championship Directorship.
- d. Speech: Speech proposed a need for the OSAA to include the non-discrimination policy in all our activity specific handbooks that are offered on our website. This would help clarify the expectations for coaches, judges and students and be more readily accessible. It was discussed to move forward with this to help with clarity and no vote or further actions are needed to fulfill this proposal.

K.T. Emerson reviewed the roster and possible changes ahead in representation. Jen Loeung and Linda Myers will not be continuing to serve on the Student Activities Advisory Committee. Jen Loeung will be replaced by Kayla Cook from Marshfield High School. Linda Myers replacement on the SAAC and Executive Board will be determined through the interviewing process. Kimberly McConnell and Jenn Wilson will continue to serve on the SAAC for a second term.

Future Meeting Date is Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the OSAA Office 1pm.