

Minutes of the 2022-23 IHSA Student Advisory Committee Meeting

April 23, 2023

The IHSA Student Advisory Committee met at the IHSA office on Sunday, April 23, 2023 beginning at 10:45 am. Committee members present were District 2 Vanessa Diaz, Chicago (Instituto); District 3 Abbey Williams, Chicago (Mother McAuley); District 4 Maddie Witchger, Chicago (Regina Dominican); District 5 Gable Carrick, Sycamore; District 6 Sophia Zepeda, Mundelein; District 7 Ivy Ho, Westmont; District 8 Josie Canellis, Orland Park (Sandburg); District 9 Christian Martyn, Oswego East; District District 11 Hannah Swope, Orion; District 12 McKayla Harms, El Paso-Gridley; District 14 Madeline Kibler, Effingham (St. Anthony); District 15 Matt Sauser, Normal (University); District 16 Emersyn Fleisher, Knoxville; District 17 Brennan Tomhave, Pittsfield; District 18 Keshon Singleton, Springfield (Sacred Heart-Griffin); District 19 Olivia Goodman, Bethalto (Civic Memorial); District 20 Rylee Bloomer, Olney (Richland County); and District 21 Amayah Doyle, Carterville. . New committee members present were District 2 Jacinto Montufar, Chicago (Horizon/Southwest Chicago); District 8 Oluwa Tamilore Ogundeyi, Calumet City (Thornton Fractional North); District 15 Megan Allen, Monticello; District 18 Diya Iyer, Washington; and District 19 Alexia Metcalf, Troy (Triad). Also present were: Beth Sauser, IHSA; Dan Le, IHSA; LeAnna Mutchler, IHSA; Dr. Scott Pierce ISU; Anna and Lilla, ISU Grad Students. Not in attendance: District 1 Benjamin Kagan, Chicago (F.W. Parker); District 10 Jacob Rhodes, Stillman Valley and District 13 Jack Barnhart, Champaign (Centennial).

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the annual Student Advisory Committee retreat be held on July 30 and July 31, 2023.

Rationale: During the retreat, members will have time to meet with each other outside of the IHSA office, prepare for the Student Leadership Conference, record PSAs, attend workshops for growth in leadership and public speaking skills, and create a bond to strengthen our committee before the school year begins. The retreat will also serve as the first scheduled meeting for the 2023-24 school year.

Approved by Consent

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the SAC host a statewide Leadership Conference on November 13, 2023, in East Peoria.

Rationale: To continue to offer IHSA member school students the opportunity to attend a statewide leadership conference conducted by the SAC.

Approved by Consent

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

1. SAC Senior Members met with Beth Sauser and Dan Le from 9:00–10:00 am for an exit meeting and to prepare for the new member/parent orientation meeting.
2. SAC Senior Members, Dan Le, and Beth Sauser met with new members and their parents from 10:00 -10:45 am. to discuss committee activities and expectations. During this meeting, the senior SAC members conducted an SAC orientation session.
3. The entire SAC membership met from 10:45 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. SAC members approved the SAC Mission Statement for the 2023-2024 school year:
“The Student Advisory Committee is a group of students who participate in diverse interscholastic athletics and activities. The SAC promotes the sportsmanship and integrity ideals of the Illinois High School Association. We focus on providing leadership and communication between participants, administrators, and fans of IHSA activities. The IHSA SAC is made up of 21 students from high schools throughout Illinois.” The Student Advisory Committee is creating student leaders for tomorrow, today.
4. The committee reviewed details of the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit:
 - a. July 29 and 30, 2023
 - b. SAC attendance is optional
 - c. Online application is due May 10, 2023
 - d. Pick up and drop off at the IHSA office or in Champaign
5. SAC members approved the SAC Member Requirements for the 2023 -24 school year.

Offense	Consequence
Miss 1 meeting	Warning
Miss 2 meetings	Dismissal from SAC
Serious School Violation, Suspension, etc.	Review and vote by SAC members
Sport/Activity ejection	Case by case review
Substance abuse or break a law	Immediate dismissal

Members who do not serve on at least 1 State Final Sportsmanship Committee per year	Dismissal from SAC
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6. SAC members reviewed and revised the instructions and judging criteria for the 2023-2024 IHSA Student Section & Spirit Showdown. Schools will be judged on their student sections (80%), overall school spirit (10%), and community service (10%).
7. Dr. Scott Pierce, from Illinois State University, and three ISU graduate students recorded SAC member interviews for the NFHS student leadership lesson. It will be available online nationally in June.
8. The senior members led multiple ice breakers and group activities throughout the meeting.
9. The committee would like to continue to collaborate with the SOILL-YAC.
10. Small Project Groups - bold name denotes group liaison and coordinator.

Northwest:

District 5 Gable Carrick, Sycamore
District 6 Sophia Zepeda, Mundelein (HS)
District 7 Ivy Ho, Westmont
District 9 Christian Martyn, Oswego (East)
District 10 Jacob Rhodes, Stillman Valley)

Central:

District 11 Hannah Swopes, Orion
District 12 McKayla Harms, El Paso - Gridley
District 13 Jack Barnhart, Champaign (Centennial)
District 15 Megan Allen, Monticello
District 16 Emersyn Fleisher, Knoxville
District 18 Diya Iyer, Washington

Northeast:

District 1 Benjamin Kagan, Chicago (F.W. Parker)
District 2 Jacinto Montufar, Chicago (Horizon/SW)
District 3 Abbey Williams, Chicago (Mother McAuley)
District 4 Maddie Witchger, Wilm. (Regina Dominican)
District 8 Oluwa Tamlire Ogundeyi, Cal. City (TFN)

South:

District 14 Madeline Kibler, Effingham (St. Anthony)
District 17 Brennan Tomhave, Pittsfield
District 19 Lexi Metcalf, Troy (Triad)
District 20 Rylee Bloomer, Olney (Richland County)
District 21 Amayah Doyle, Carterville

11. SAC members split into groups by preferred topic to be presented at the 2023 Student Leadership Conference and began to outline their presentations. Topics include leadership, responsible use of social media, and balancing responsibilities.
12. 2023-2024 SAC Social Media Coordinators Oluwa Tamlire Ogundeyi and Jacinto Montufar

13. **2023 – 24 Meeting Dates:**

Saturday, July 29, 2023	NFHS NSLS, Indianapolis	TBD
Sunday, July 30, 2023	NFHS NSLS, Indianapolis	TBD
Sunday, July 30, 2023	IHSA SAC Retreat @ IHSA Office	3:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Double Tree Hotel, Bloomington, IL
Monday, July 31, 2023	IHSA SAC Retreat @ IHSA Office	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday, August 27, 2023	Virtual Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sunday, September 24, 2023	Virtual Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sunday, October 15, 2023	Meeting @ IHSA Office	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, November 5, 2023	Virtual Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sunday, November 12, 2023	Student Leadership Conference in East Peoria	3:00 pm arrival, Embassy Suites in East Peoria, IL
Monday, November 13, 2023	Student Leadership Conference in East Peoria	1:30 pm dismissal
Sunday, December 3, 2023	Meeting @ IHSA Office	10:00 am – 3:00 pm

2024 Meeting Dates:

Sunday, January 21, 2024	Virtual Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sunday, February 4, 2024	Meeting @ IHSA Office	9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, March 17, 2024	Virtual Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sunday, April 21, 2024	Meeting @ IHSA Office	10:00 am – 3:00 pm

2024-2025 Retreat Dates

Sunday, August 4, 2024	IHSA SAC Retreat @ IHSA Office	3:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Monday, August 5, 2024	IHSA SAC Retreat @ IHSA Office	8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Virtual meeting length may be shortened, or meeting may be canceled*

14. Thank you to our Graduating Seniors: Vanessa Diaz, Josie Canellis, Matt Sauser, Keshon Singleton and Olivia Goodman.