Minutes of the 2015-16 IHSA Student Advisory Committee Meeting

November 15, 2015
Conference Call

The IHSA Student Advisory Committee and Beth Sauser conferenced in the groups below on November 15, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

North:
   District 5 Alexandra Buckley, Carpentersville (D-C);
   District 10 Patrick Gustafson, Freeport (Aquin);

Northeast:
   District 2 Hannah Contreras, Chicago (St. Ignatius CP);
   District 7 Barret Benson, Darien (Hinsdale South);
   District 8 John Roberts, Oak Lawn (Community);
   District 9 Sara Swanberg, New Lenox (L-W Central);

Central:
   District 11 Koby Stropes, Orion;
   District 12 Kelsey Bartman, Metamora;
   District 13 Jacob R, (Urbana)University High
   District 16 Nathan Erickson, Knoxville;
   District 18 Neal Scheuermann, Deer Creek-Mackinaw;
   District 1 Lorena Soria, Chicago (Resurrection CP);

South:
   District 14 Dalton Armes, Windsor;
   District 17 Ellie Abell, Jacksonville (Routt Catholic);
   District 19 Rachel Donald, Dupo;
   District 21 Avery English, Carterville
   District 15 Mahlik Helm, Bloomington (HS)

Not in attendance: District 6 Marissa Miller, Wauconda; District 3 Claire Mueller, Chicago (Mother McAuley); District 20 Abby Ratermann, Breese (Central);

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

North:
1. Leadership Conference
   - Meeting with the co-moderator prior to the conference at the IHSA office was good for preparation.
   - Topics were relevant

2. Phone interviews for new members
   - Ask about how committed they are/will be
   - "What does leadership mean to you?"
   - Involve the senior SAC members
   - Mention that we may meet more often

3. Continue the SAC retreat!

4. Student Section Showdown
   - Talk to your principals and/or athletic directors to spread the word.
5. Lastly, We need to brainstorm new projects!

**Northeast:**
1. Leadership Conference
   - Co moderators were very helpful
   - Bring back Harvey
   - 3 topics for the breakout sessions work really well
   - Talk more about the SSS
   - Issues with technology in room 135
   - No projector in room 200

2. Phone interviews for new members
   - Why does the student want to be a member of the group?
   - What separated them from the other candidates?
   - What are the candidates involved with at their school?
   - Must be committed “big time” to the group

3. Continue the SAC retreat. Make it mandatory attendance.

4. Student Section Showdown
   - Send out reminders

**Central:**
1. Leadership Conference
   - Issues with WiFi in some rooms
   - Harvey was awesome
   - 3 topics for the breakout sessions work really well
   - Continue doing ice breakers
   - Difficult to get back into the 3rd session after lunch
   - Maybe have lunch last so people leave if they want to

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3. Keep the retreat!

4. Student Section Showdown
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**South:**
1. Leadership Conference
   - Went well
   - Most of the groups participated
   - The topic of leadership was more difficult to talk about
   - Sportsmanship and Leadership sections went well
2. Phone interviews for new members
- How does the candidate carry a conversation?
- Seniors tell them what it’s like to be a SAC member
- All SAC members must be involved and cannot sit quietly; must be an active participant
- Let the candidate know this is a big opportunity. Not everyone is able to be a member of this statewide advisory committee
- Make it clear that if you miss 2 meetings you are off of the committee

3. Keep the SAC retreat

4. Student Section Showdown
- Send out reminders

5. Need more projects to work on as a group

Future meeting dates
a. Sunday, February 7, 2016, Bloomington, Illinois (10am – 3pm)
b. Sunday, April 10, 2016, Bloomington, Illinois (10am – 3pm)