

## Minutes of the 2014-15 IHSA Student Advisory Committee Meeting

**November 16, 2014**

The IHSA Student Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Sunday, November 16, 2014 beginning at 9:15 a.m. Committee members present were: District 1 Kenny Dumez, (Chicago (Northside College Prep)); District 2 Crofton Kelly, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep); District 3 Claire Mueller, Chicago (Mother McAuley); District 4 Barrington Wade, Skokie (Niles North); District 5 Alexandra Buckley, Carpentersville (Dundee-Crown); District 6 Marissa Miller, Wauconda; District 7 Barret Benson, Darien (Hinsdale South); District 8 John Roberts, Oak Lawn (Community); District 9 Milena Singletary Joliet (Central); District 10 Patrick Gustafson, Freeport (Aquino); District 11 Koby Stropes, Orion; District 12 Kelsey Bartman, Metamora; District 13 Austin Maltbia, Champaign (Centennial); District 14 Nicholas Reis, Newton; District 15 Emily Farris, Flanagan-Cornell; District 16 Katie Karsen, Knoxville; District 17 Kathleen Kelly, Carlinville; District 18 Blake Suhling, Riverton; District 19 Rachel Donald, Dupou; District 20 Abby Ratermann, Breese (Central); and IHSA Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in attendance: District 21 Avery English, Carterville.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:**

1. **Recommendation:** Implement the IHSA Student Section Showdown (See attached information). This is an opportunity for students throughout the state to show their schools spirit, creativity, sportsmanship, and overall fan participation.

**Rationale:** The SAC is challenging student bodies throughout the state to show how they positively cheer for their teams during a game. Representatives from the final four schools will be recognized at Boys Basketball State Finals in Peoria.

Approved

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:**

1. Send an email to all Administrators announcing Student Section Showdown
2. SAC will talk with people from area schools to get involved.
3. SAC votes on the 1<sup>st</sup> round; narrows it down to 5-10 schools, then open it up to the public.
4. Present the final four at the Boys Basketball State Finals
5. Spirit, creativity, Sportsmanship and overall fan participation will be considered
6. Banner for a prize? Sponsorship for the prize?
7. Presentation at SF – 3-4A boys. Ask reps from school to come and accept banner
8. If have a sponsor, ask sponsor to cater assembly at the winning school?
9. Show video at championship
10. Have SAC district member present at school
11. Have preliminary voting done by all schools and the SAC makes decision
12. Upload to you tube and title IHSA Battle
13. Create a twitter acct?

### Future meeting dates

- a. Sunday, February 8, 2015 at the IHSA office
- b. Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the IHSA office

## 2014-15 IHSA Student Section Showdown

### Overview

Sportsmanship is an important part of educational athletics, and student cheering sections can be a key factor in creating a festive high school event. The IHSA Student Advisory Committee wants to see your student section in action, and see how you contribute to a fun and positive experience. The IHSA Student Section Showdown contest will let us all see who has the top student cheering section in Illinois. This is our first year, so help spread the word!!

1. **FILM YOUR STUDENTS.** Get your video camera and film your student section in action on a game night.
2. **POST TO YOUTUBE.** Edit your video to no more than 3 minutes, and post to YouTube. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.
3. **EMAIL US YOUR LINK.** Email your YouTube link to \_\_\_\_\_. We'll add it to our IHSA Student Section Showdown Playlist
4. **WINNERS** will be chosen by the IHSA SAC and announced at the 3A/4A Boys Basketball State Finals

### JUDGING CRITERIA/RULES

Positive Sportsmanship (any negative cheering will automatically result in disqualification)

Overall Fan Participation

School Spirit

Creativity

Organization

Overall Impression

### VIDEO CONTENT & LENGTH

Videos should be between 90 seconds and 3 minutes long. You must include your student section in action. Show us how loud, organized, positive, and original you can be. And don't forget: sportsmanship is a key component to having one of the top student groups in Illinois.

### HOW TO ENTER

Upload your video to YouTube, and then email the link to \_\_\_\_\_. Videos must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The IHSA will create a YouTube playlist highlighting all of the videos and post the finalists on the IHSA website.

### THE FINALISTS

After all videos have been posted (February 7<sup>th</sup>), the IHSA Student Advisory Committee will choose the top 5 finalists. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, a different finalist video will be released on the IHSA website in no particular order. The winner will be chosen later and announced on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the winning school will be recognized at the 3A/4A Boys Basketball Final.

### DETERMINING A WINNER

The IHSA Student Advisory Committee will determine a winner based on the judging criteria listed above. This decision will be made by February 15<sup>th</sup> and will be announced via email to the school. The school will be recognized at the 3A/4A Boys Basketball State Finals. During half time, the winning video will be shown and a banner will be presented to the winning school.

### TIMELINE

December 16: Submissions Open. Feb 6: (11:59pm CST US) - Video submission deadline

March 21: Announce STUDENT SECTION SHOWDOWN Winner at Boys Basketball 3A/4A Final

### FINAL NOTE

Even if you don't think you can win or if you have only a few seconds of video, we'd love to see your student section in action! We want everyone to have fun with this contest!