

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
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. Keep the retreat!
4. Student Section Showdown
 - Send out reminders

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)