

## **Minutes of the 2020-21 IHSA Student Advisory Committee Meeting**

**August 2, 2020**

The IHSA Student Advisory Committee met virtually on Sunday, August 2, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were: District 1 Sammi Coleman, Chicago (F.W. Parker); District 2 Mahdi Muhamad, Chicago (Acero/Garcia); District 3 Grace White, Chicago (Mother McAuley); District 4 Aleksandra Makowiec, Franklin Park (Leyden); District 5 Conner Mogge, Carpentersville (Dundee-Crown); District 6 Trevor Abbott, Lincolnshire (Stevenson); District 7 Yasmine Jones, Maywood (Proviso East); District 8 Josie Canellis, Orland Park (Sandburg); District 9 Delaney Balmer, Peotone; District 10 Payton Volz, Stillman Valley; District 11 Damian Martinez, Aledo (Mercer County); District 13 Gentry Howard, Georgetown (Ridge Farm); District 15 Luke Sauser, Normal (University); District 16 Bryn Bahnks, Knoxville; District 17 Cade Tomhave, Pittsfield; District 18 John Blumeyer Deer Creek-Mackinaw; District 19 Olivia Goodman, Bethalto (Civic Memorial); District 20 Jackson Harre, Okawville; District 21 Rece Roper, Marion; and IHSA Asst. Executive Director Beth Sauser. Not in Attendance: District 14 Kyhe Wheeler, Windsor; District 12 Kammie Hess, Peoria (H.S).

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

None forwarded

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

#### **AUG 2, 2020:**

1. SAC members discussed the virtual NFHS National Student Leadership Summit and their experience attending the three-day meeting. The committee also reviewed the NSLS survey responses from IHSA member school students who attended the Summit. These responses will assist the IHSA-SAC members for future projects.
2. The group also developed ideas for future committee communications to Illinois high school students, webinars, etc.
3. Dr. Scott Pierce, from Illinois State University, led the committee through a leadership training session based on survey feedback from a prior meeting.
4. As a result of discussions that occurred during the meeting, the SAC was given independent work to do in preparation for the August 16 meeting.
5. The committee will meet virtually on August 16 and 23 to complete the SAC retreat work. On August 30, the IHSA-SAC will meet with the SOILL-SAC to discuss a leadership project.

6. **Small Group Assignments for 2020-21.** (Names in **bold** are liaisons to the IHSA Office)

**Northwest:**

District 1 Sammi Coleman, F.W. Parker  
District 4 Aleksandra Makowiec, Northlake (Leyden)  
District 5 Connor Mogge, Dundee-Crown  
District 6 Trevor Abbott, Stevenson  
**District 10 Payton Voltz, Stillman Valley**

**Northeast:**

District 2 Mahdi Muhamad, Chicago (Acero/Garcia)  
**District 3 Grace White, Mother McAuley**  
District 7 Yasmine Jones, Proviso East  
District 8 Josie Canellis, Sandburg  
District 9 Delaney Balmer, Peotone

**Central:**

District 11 Damian Martinez, Mercer Co.  
District 12 Kammie Hess, Peoria H.S.  
District 13 Gentry Howard, Georgetown-Ridge Farm  
**District 15 Luke Sauser, Normal (University)**  
District 16 Bryn Bahnks, Knoxville  
District 18 John Blumeyer, Deer Creek-Mackinaw

**South:**

District 14 Levi Dickerson, Windsor  
District 17 Cade Tomhave, Pittsfield  
District 19 Olivia Goodman, Civic Memorial  
District 20 Jackson Harre, Okawville  
**District 21 Rece Roper, Marion**

**Meeting Dates 2020-21:**

Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020 SAC Retreat - Virtual Meeting- Part 2	6:00pm – 8:00 pm
Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020 SAC Retreat - Virtual Meeting- Part 3	6:00pm – 8:00 pm
Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 SAC Retreat - Virtual Meeting with SOILL representatives	6:00pm – 8:00 pm
Sunday, October Conference Check-in Call	TBD
Sunday, November 22, 2020, Meeting @ IHSA Office	6:00- 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 20, 2020 Check-in Call	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday, January Conference Check-in Call	TBD
Sunday, January 31, 2021, Virtual Meeting	TBD
Sunday, March Conference Check-in Call	TBD
Sunday, April 18, 2021 Virtual Meeting	TBD

**AUG 16, 2020:**

1. Special Olympics Illinois representatives: Jennifer Kelso and Kim Pehlke met with the committee. Plans are being made for the SAC and SOILL Youth Activity Council “Youth Leadership Certification” project
2. SAC member concerns:  
Seniors: Not getting the same senior year experiences as previous senior classes. Concerned about if the sports season will occur.

Juniors: Studying for and taking the ACT and SAT. Not getting the same education and preparation as juniors normally receive, especially in math and science.

Sophomores: Missing out on high school experiences such as homecoming. Missing out on overall experiences and education.

3. A review of the Connecticut SAC virtual Leadership Conference took place.
4. The committee worked in breakout groups to develop topics and scripts for pandemic-themed PSAs and video scripts.
5. Brainstormed on how to replace the Student Section Showdown this year

### **AUG 23, 2020:**

#### **NOTES:**

Dr. Scott Pierce led the SAC members in breakout activities and group discussion. Dr. Pierce's presentation focused on communication being a two-way street between sender and receiver. Active listening skills are important when two or more people are in a conversation. Each person can bring different aspects to the table, to the exchange, or to the group. He discussed the "Do's and Don'ts" for online communication and on social media.

The committee finalized the PSA plans to film from 8/24/20 - 8/30/20. The SAC members will wear their school shirts or IHSA shirts during filming. NW and NE groups are filming scripts 1 and 2. Some individuals from those two groups may film scripts 3-5. The Central and South groups split the scripts among members:

Script 1: Olivia and Bryn

Script 2: Luke and Damian

Script 3: Luke and Damian

Script 4: John and Cade

Script 5: Jackson and Reece

Beth is contacting Craig Johnson from the IHSA office to discuss editing the clips.

### **STUDENT SPIRIT SHOWDOWN**

For the 2020-21 School year, the SAC has developed a way for students to "show off" their school and their character. Let's demonstrate that we can be ourselves and stand out in our communities while being safe and pandemic responsible.

We have transformed the Student Section Showdown into the **Student Spirit Showdown!**

Advertise: On social media accounts, through ADs... possibly request a few large organizations in Illinois to promote it. ex: Special Olympics, FBLA, Student council/government, etc.

Presentation to winners: Nearby SAC members and IHSA representatives can travel to the winning school on the last day before spring break, or on a Friday in April to surprise them. Coordinate with the ADs or principals to plan the presentation.