

## **SDSCA Executive Board Meeting**

### **July 28-29, 2006**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:25 PM Friday July 28 by President Josh DeWitt
- 2) Roll Call
  - a) Member present were: Josh DeWill, President; Skylea Wright, Vice President and representing Rushmore for Jacqueline Reyno, Rushmore Rep); Shieva Salehnia, Secretary, Mary Katherine Leslie, Treasurer; Travis Berg, Reporter; Mitch Barber, Parliamentarian/Sgt. At Arms; Sara Word, Capitol Rep; Hannah Pommersheim, Gavins Point Rep; Nathaniel Nelson, James River Per; Courtney Sonnenburg, Lakes Rep; Andrew Mach, Northern Hills President (representing Northern Hills for Kelsey Wolter, Northern Hills Rep); Merky Witzke, Spirit Falls Rep; Alyssa Eberhart, Upper Missouri Rep; Brock Hanten, Middle School Rep; Paul Harens, Advisors Rep; Ken Pickering, SDHSAA Rep; and Renee Rebnord, Executive Director.
- 3) Additions to the agenda
  - a) New Business: the Principal's Representative Position on the SDSCA Executive Board
- 4) Approval of Agenda
  - a) Hannah Pommersheim moved to approve agenda
  - b) Sara Word seconded
  - c) All approved
- 5) Approval of Minutes
  - a) Mary Katherine Leslie moved to approve minutes as presented
  - b) Mitch Barber seconded
  - c) All approved
- 6) Membership Report
  - a) Following the report on the schools that are currently SDSCA members it was decided that the Region representatives should talk to various schools in their designated regions for membership of SDSCA
- 7) Financial Report
  - a) Mary Katherine Leslie presented the report summary from last year.
  - b) We have a balance of \$33,393.98 (some of this is left over money from the "9/11" project – the use of the "9/11" money is still pending on the completion of the original "9/11" proposal).
- 8) Open discussion on whether or not to provide a free State Convention registration to one school per region for the March 2007 State Convention. The items discussed included:
  - i) Alternate schools could be provided for the registration if original school cannot attend.
  - ii) Free registration could be used as incentive for more schools or students to come to state convention; and was created originally for that purpose.
  - iii) Free registration could be used to bring underprivileged schools or students to convention.
  - iv) Applications for free registrations could be an option.
    - (1) Decision could be made on number of students attending from a school.
    - (2) Students could apply for free registration
  - v) Region representatives could be responsible to talk to school advisors that haven't been to the state convention.
  - vi) Brock Hanten moved to approve the following new criteria for free registrations  
Criteria of being eligible for free registration
    - (1) A five-year nonattendance limit of the convention is put on each school.

- (2) The membership fee for each school of being part of the SDSCA will be provided by the free registration.
  - (a) If a school is already a member of SDSCA, their \$50 membership will be refunded to the school.
- (3) Two students in grades 9-11 and one advisor will be paid for.
- (4) Schools will not be able to apply for registrations for another five years.
- vii) Nathaniel Nelson seconded.
- viii) All approved.
- 9) SDSCA Newsletter
  - a) Travis Berg should have the first issue out by September 5th.
    - i) Maybe a mini-newsletter could be sent out after the workshops summarizing the workshops.
  - b) A pre-convention issue should be out by mid-February.
  - c) Getting more copies of the newsletter out would help with awareness of the happenings of the state board and of the convention.
    - i) Region reps should meet with school student council presidents to encourage them to look at the newsletters and go to the state website for more information on state issues.
  - d) We'll all get together and help Travis with ideas for newsletters.
- 10) Old Business
  - a) State Projects
    - i) Children's Miracle Network
      - (1) \$11,670 was given to the Sioux Falls area by SDSCA and was used to buy a weight bed.
        - (a) The rest of the money not used for the bed was put into an endowment fund with the help of the Sioux Valley Foundation.
      - (2) This year, each school, after presenting money for the CMN at the State Convention, will receive a CMN bear.
      - (3) Everyone agreed to the idea of bears and to keep helping CMN.
    - ii) Secondary Project
      - (1) Possible Options
        - (a) Gift of Life
          - (i) Pledges to be organ donor
          - (ii) End of October, maybe around Thanksgiving
        - (b) Literacy Initiative
          - (i) Book drives for local purposes
          - (ii) Mentoring for reading in elementary schools
          - (iii) Project ends on Dec 31st
        - (c) RSVP program
          - (i) For bettering school environments with everyone in the school
          - (ii) We could make a generic version of this in each school to avoid costs of training.
          - (iii) Bring this up at the convention for each school to bring back for future years.
        - (d) World Food Challenge Day
          - (i) October 16th
          - (ii) Cans given to local food pantries
        - (e) Tolerance
          - (i) Mix-It-Up Day

1. Forcing students to sit with a different group to help teach tolerance
- (f) Environmental Improvements
  - (i) Cleaning up a highway
  - (ii) Cleaning rivers, streams, etc.
  - (iii) Drive-by Shoveling/Raking/Scraping Ice
- (2) Mary Katherine Leslie moved end discussion and to have a preferential vote on the various options.
- (3) Merky Witzke seconded the motion.
- (4) All agreed to end discussion and to have the preferential vote on the options.
- iii) The majority of the board voted on the option to have a statewide book drive in the fall.
  - (1) The books gathered should be for everyone.
  - (2) Invite elementary teachers or daycare providers (head-start) to come and look for books
- 11) Corporate Partners
  - a) Having a corporate sponsor will help with our financial needs and provide exposure for the partners.
  - b) Could be a continuing project
    - i) For example, paying for registrations
  - c) Josh DeWitt will write a letter to provide information for sponsors.
  - d) Ken Pickering will create a list of figures for sponsors to let them know how much they can help with donations.
- 12) All-State Honor Council Report
  - a) Seniors board members are automatically on All-State Student Council.
  - b) Renee, Ken, and Paul will decide on the All-State Student Council members that are not already on the board.
- 13) Ivan Dixon
  - a) Ken reported that the advisors at the 2006 State Convention and the Region Advisors when they met in May recommended that we name the “Administrator of the Year” award after Ivan Dixon (former SDSCA Executive Director when the SDSVA was created).
  - b) The advisors and Region Advisors also recommended asking Ivan to be the speaker on Sunday evening of the convention.
  - c) Ken gave us a brief history of student council in South Dakota.
  - d) Mary Katherine Leslie moved to name the Administrator of the Year Award after Ivan and to invite Ivan to be the speaker on Sunday evening during the Convention.
  - e) Skylea Wright seconded the motion.
  - f) All approved.
- 14) March 2006 State Convention Student Evaluations
  - a) Read through the evaluations from last year’s convention.
  - b) Ken gave us a run-through on many of the advisors’ concerns
- 15) At 9:31 PM, Nathaniel Nelson moved to recess the meeting until 8:30 AM Saturday morning.
- 16) Mitch Barber seconded that motion.
- 17) All approved.
- 18) At 8:35 AM. Saturday July 29, Josh called the meeting back to order
- 19) State Convention Themes
  - a) Options proposed:
    - i) Discover the Treasure of LeaderShip

- (1) Pirate themed
- ii) CIA – Communication In Action
- iii) Under Construction – the Building Blocks of Success
  - (1) Caution: Leaders at work
- iv) Oz/Somewhere over the Rainbow
  - (1) Courage to take the lead
  - (2) There's no place like home
  - (3) Listen with your heart
  - (4) Share your knowledge
- v) Music
  - (1) Tune into leadership
  - (2) Rockin' to leadership
  - (3) Marching to the rhythm of leadership
- vi) Reality TV – From dreams to reality
- vii) Past/Present/Future
  - (1) The way we were
- b) Following a series of preferential votes the state convention theme for 2007 that was voted is Oz themed.
  - i) **Outstanding LeaderZ**
- c) T-Shirts
  - i) Front: **“Outstanding LeaderZ”**
  - ii) Back: Yellow Brick Road
    - (1) We're off to become better leaders
    - (2) Celebrating SDSCA 20th Anniversary
  - iii) Colors: Black shirts with florescent **green** and white writing
  - iv) Region reps: talk to regions about getting t-shirt orders in as a whole school
- 20) State Convention Key Note Speaker
  - a) 1st choice: Judson Laipley
  - b) 2nd choice: Deb Erickson
- 21) Small Group Workshops
  - a) Two regions could join together and region reps can run each group.
    - i) Switch twice – 1st grouping with regions from opposite sides of the state; 2nd grouping with regions close together
      - (1) Possible student council exchanges
      - (2) Idea exchanges
- 22) Seating
  - a) Many of the advisors recommended the possibility of having using the entire large “ballroom area” to sit in for speakers and sessions as well as eating meals.
    - i) The Executive Board members felt that it could lead to more distraction and more talking
    - ii) The idea was denied by everyone
- 23) Showcase Workshops (Region run)
  - a) Regions will submit three topics they would present a workshop on.
    - i) Travis Berg will put that information into the newsletter.
  - b) Possible Topics
    - i) Public Speaking
    - ii) Fundraising
      - (1) Charity
      - (2) Expenses

- iii) Big school/little school
- iv) Hazing/Initiation
- v) Parli-pro
- vi) Community Service
- vii) Tolerance
- viii) Incorporation
- ix) Raising school spirit
- x) Recreational opportunities
- xi) Sportsmanship
- xii) Leadership styles
- xiii) Themes and Decorations
- xiv) Relieving students' stress
- xv) Conflict resolution
- xvi) Relationship with administration, teachers and board
- xvii) Public relations
- xviii) New student involvement
- xix) StuCo ethics
- xx) Council cohesion
- xxi) Council organization
- xxii) Council evaluation

#### 24) Regional Workshops

- a) Ken gave us an overview of the schedule for each region's workshop.
  - i) He voiced his concerns, as well as advisors' concerns with the region meetings.
    - (1) All the students attending the workshop need to be more involved, not just the officers.
      - (a) Region reps need to step up their game.
      - (2) An in-depth agenda for each regions meeting should be sent out to each school in the region to prepare students for the meeting.
    - ii) He also warned us of the imminent dangers of Facebook and MySpace.
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- b) Group Divider
  - i) Discussion got quite intense over what exactly a group divider could be.
    - (1) Split with stickers or by birthday
- c) Parliamentary procedures need to be followed.
  - i) Make sure to say, "I move to..."
- d) Door prizes
  - i) Consider having each school bring something
  - ii) Region board could buy small prizes

#### 25) Next State Board Meeting

- a) Wednesday, December 6th at 10 AM

#### 26) Additional Business

- a) Principal Representative Position
  - i) Nathaniel Nelson nominated the Huron principal, Terry Nebelsick and vice principal
  - ii) Sara Word nominated Mike Fugat, the Pierre T.F. Riggs principal
- b) Financial Concerns
  - i) Putting together a budget
  - ii) Proposals
    - (1) Adding 3-5% to executive director's stipend
      - (a) Nathaniel Nelson moved to raise the stipend 8% to \$1300.
      - (b) Merky Witzke seconded that motion.

- (c) All approved
- (2) A nurse or EMT on duty at the convention – minimum of \$400
  - (a) Maybe contact an EMT organization
  - (b) Idea was denied
- (3) Reimbursement for gas money for travel to meetings
  - (a) Ken will build this section into the budget.
- iii) Certificates for student council membership will be ordered
  - (1) 300 – 400 will be ordered
- 27) Brock Hanten moved to adjourn the meeting.
- 28) Skylea Wright seconded that motion.
- 29) All approved.
- 30) Meeting was adjourned promptly at 12:25 PM.