

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Zoom Meeting
Thursday April 7, 2022

6:00 p.m.(CT)

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Brooks Bowman Called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Committee members present were Kelsey Lovseth, Garrett Priest, Shirley Swanson, Deanna Fischbach, Tracy Chase, and Pam DeJong. Paige Chapman was not present.
2. Approve minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting.
Deanna Fischbach motioned, seconded by Kelsey Lovseth, to approve the minutes of the April 2021 committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Planning the 2022 Region Student Council Workshops.
 - A. Plan 2022 Workshop schedule: session topics and times (2022 schedule & Advisor Round-table topics)
The committee reviewed the proposed 2022 Region Workshop Schedule and recommended that “Review Officer Intent Forms” be removed from the Wrap-Up section of the schedule. They also suggested that Brooks create list of items to be included in campaign essentials workshop session.
 - B. Establish and approve the Region Workshop Meeting dates for the fall 2022 Workshops
Big Sioux – October 19 in Brookings, depending on state testing
Capitol – Fort Pierre, Casey Tibbs Event Center. Date TBD
James River – October ?, in Mitchell
Northern Lakes – Milbank High School, October 20 or 27
Rushmore – Sturgis Community Center, date TBD
Spirit Point – TBD
Upper Missouri – October 26, The Edge in Mobridge
4. South Dakota Student Council Association (SDSCA).
 - A. Report on the 2022 State Student Council Convention
61 registered schools. 836 attendees.
10 middle schools. 91 registered attendees.
The committee reviewed submitted survey responses. Almost all responses were extremely positive. Attendees seemed to like the new format with professional speakers being hired to present to the students and advisors.

The committee discussed the state convention schedule and options for holding the convention on different dates or locations. The board also discussed bringing back student-led workshop sessions vs continuing with the speaker presentation format. Brooks brought up the possibility of having 4 workshops, an advisor round table, and guest speakers. Region advisors could help to plan workshops for the state convention with their region boards. We could also offer a discounted registration to schools whose councils present workshops as a way to entice schools to come up with workshops? Brooks will need videos of potential school/region workshop presentations by the end of October. Concern over quality of workshop presentations was discussed and all agreed that workshops for the state convention must be of the highest quality and must be educational and leadership-based. If submitted presentations are not considered by the board to be of high enough quality for the convention, additional speakers will be hired to fill the workshops sessions.

- B. 2023 State Student Council Convention March 28-29 (Tues/Wed), 2023 in Rapid City
The committee addressed concerns over moving the state convention permanently to Rapid City. Brooks explained the struggles he has had in securing a consistent date at both the Sioux Falls Convention Center and the Monument in Rapid City. The only consistent date that was available was the Tuesday/Wednesday of NFHS Calendar week 39. Due to the large number of both high school and middle school attendees, as well as the number of large spaces required to hold general sessions, workshops, region meetings, activities, and meals, the only facilities in the state large enough to host the convention are the Sioux Falls Convention Center and the Monument in Rapid City. Brooks will search for suitable facilities in other communities east-river to see if there is anywhere that can host the event, and that also has sufficient hotel space for all attendees.
- C. Recommendations or concerns from the Student Council Advisory Committee to forward to the SDSCA State Executive Board.
- Deanna mentioned issues with this year's shirts. Brooks explained that he will be working with Fine Designs to alleviate some of the issues schools encountered when ordering state shirts.
 - Pam mentioned that she would like to see the state board candidates dress more professionally during the convention. Brooks will address this concern with the new state board.
5. Other topics the Committee may wish to discuss.
- A. Campaign videos – A concern was addressed regarding audio quality of submitted candidate videos. Brooks will instruct advisors to preview the videos before submitting them. If audio quality is too poor, the student will need to re-record the video to ensure that the audio can be heard clearly.
- B. Region Advisor Stipend – Garrett Priest requested that region advisors be paid a stipend for the work they do throughout the year for their region boards. Brooks proposed to increase the region workshop registration fee from \$5 to \$7 per person. Shirley motioned to increase the fee to \$7 and allow region advisors the option to collect the additional \$2 per attendee as a stipend for their work. Deanna seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Middle School Convention Organization
Brooks addressed concerns over this year's middle school convention. He noted that the middle school convention organizers struggled with getting information to schools this year, as they were not able to easily track down contact information for all middle school advisors. Brooks will work more closely with them next year to ensure that they are able to adequately communicate with middle school advisors.
6. Organization of the Committee for 2022-23.
- A. Vacancies on the Committee for the coming year. (if any)
- Big Sioux – Kelsey Lovseth
 - Capital – Shirley Swanson
 - James River – Tracy Chase
 - Northern Lakes – Garrett Priest
 - Rushmore – Matt Mott ?
 - Spirit Point – Paige Chapman
 - Upper Missouri –Deanna Fischbach
7. Set date for next year's meeting

April 6, 2023. 6:00pm(CT) Zoom

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.