

**SDSCA NEWSLETTER FROM THE HILLS**  
Gary Linn SDSCA Executive Director

I hope everyone is in the finalization stage to attend our "Hometown Heroes" SDSCA convention in Rapid City on March 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>! Our board is meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> to finalize our plans for a great convention! If you have any questions please contact Brooks or myself and we will help you.

On the next page is an email I received from my board of executive directors, if you want to do something for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

**March Due Dates!**

SDSCA Convention:  
**March 1st**

All-State Individual:  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Outstanding Student Council  
**March 10th**

Officer Intent Forms  
**March 16th**



**ARMY ROTC**



*The following is from Mel Sohn of Florida, who asked me to share this with you...*

Good afternoon,

Last Wednesday, on the international day of love, Florida was horrified with a school tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. This was such a heart-breaking moment for this school and the educational arena within our nation. Stoneman is a very active SGA school. They have held numerous state officer positions as well as SASC officer positions.

I am personal friends of the principal, Ty Thompson. He and I met when we were in high school at the FASC State Convention and have been life long friends. We have traveled together and worked leadership camps together for many years. Ty was a student and was SGA President for Mike Roland.

I have also worked with the SGA co-advisors, Justin Mellinger and Danielle Driscoll. I have spoken to Justin and Danielle several times since Wed. I started working with both Justin and Danielle when they attended high school leadership camp. They also worked this leadership camp while they were in college and continue to be on adult staff. Many of you know these amazing advisors.

FASC is asking that you send your thoughts and prayers to this hurting community.

Please know that there is information on Marjory Stoneman Douglas Home Page. You can find suggested ways to help the students and faculty under the tab MSD Strong.

<https://www.browardschools1.com/stonemandouglas>

Danielle also suggested banners / posters opposed to cards / letters. They will have to read all cards / letters before allowing students and faculty to read them. We can only imagine this task. There are also other suggestions in ways to help.

If you have any questions, I will do my best to direct you.

Again, FASC Stands Strong with Stoneman.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Mel Sohn  
FASC Executive Director

# SPRING ADVISORS' WEEKEND: **EARLY BIRD DEADLINE** **SOON!**

Online registration remains OPEN for our first ever Spring Advisors' Weekend, which will take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan from **April 20-22, 2018**. YOU are invited to join us for this event, a revival of the "Advisor Fly-In" concept from years ago for a new generation of leaders in the field of Student Activities.

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## The 15 P's of Creating a Successful Committee Process

Briana Kelly [bkelly@cloverpark.k12.wa.us](mailto:bkelly@cloverpark.k12.wa.us) INITIATE GENERATE EVALUATE Use the IGE (Initiate ◊ Generate ◊ Evaluate) system when working in committees or groups for a project or event

- 1) Plan Ahead: School calendar party. Set up event binders.
- 2) Pick Your Passion: Event preference survey for students
- 3) Placement: Adviser assigns groups based on preferences and group dynamics (think true colors and equity). Set up Socratic round-table seating and plan ice breakers & team builders.
- 4) Parameters: Adviser provides event description, expectations, and limitations. Encourage students to seek out information and get admin approval. Always focus on purpose and goals.
- 5) Prepare: Come to the group with your own ideas written down AND gather ideas from friends and people outside ASB (i.e. your target audience). Review previous years' work and feedback.
- 6) Get Perspective: The loudest idea isn't always the best. Share out ALL ideas before talking about ANY of them (1st: everyone shares ideas w/ no interruptions, 2nd: open discussion, write down the ideas you liked and add new ideas based on what you heard). Get class ideas too.
- 7) Create a Proposal: Start with Why (Simon Sinek), then Who, What, When, Where, and How.
- 8) Remember the Purpose: Focus on the Why. Remind students they are serving your school or community. Consider who is at risk of being excluded and problem solve to ensure they are included. When roadblocks occur go back to why you started and what you hope to get out of it.
- 9) Project Roles: Give everyone a collaborative management role for accountability, however they are not in charge of completing it by themselves. Example roles: Project Manager, Secretary, Marketing & Communications Manager, Resources & Materials Manager, others?).
- 10) Planning Tool: A duty board or checklist and calendar, both for the group AND each person. To Do/Doing/Done OR Due Date / Start By/ Date Started /To Do/Assigned To/Date Finished.

11) Present Proposal: Have Project Manager present plan to class and get feedback, further ideas, and possible concerns from class and adviser. Invite admin to this session!

12) Go Through the Process: Each work day read out the duty board or planning tool, see which items are a priority, and ensure items are delegated and completed. Check due dates.

13) Create your Product: Make sure you stop planning and actually start producing a product! You never have as much time as you think, be wary of how many things you'll "do later."

14) Ponder: Reflect on the Hits, Misses, and Wishes for both the process and product. Complete a personal reflection, hold a class reflection, and gather feedback from the school on the product. Compile all feedback on one paper and leave in the committee binder for future events.

15) Personal Evaluation: Summative eval of personal and committee members' contributions