

Oregon School Activities Association

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director;

Kelly Foster, Associate Director

SUBJECT: Sportsmanship Committee – First Meeting Minutes

The OSAA Sportsmanship Committee met for the first time on Tuesday, May 9th at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. Meeting attendees Marci McGillivray (PPS-PIL), Sarah Warsaw (Summit HS), Jennifer Teeter (Imbler HS), Debi Hanson (OAOA), Mark Horak (West Linn HS), Jacob Pence (Banks HS), students Gianna Viola (Summit HS) and Marri McCallum (Wilsonville HS), along with OSAA Staff members Cindy Simmons, Kris Welch, and Kelly Foster.

Three committee members were unable to attend Rob Younger (OACA), Christine Cooper (Lakeridge HS, SAAC), and student Jack Roche (Wilsonville HS).

After numerous discussions, the OSAA staff, with support from the OSAA Executive Board, determined that it was time to reconvene the committee to review our current policies and awards programs. It has been a number of years since the OSAA Sportsmanship Committee has met and we are eager to get to work on such an important topic for our schools and communities.

We have also chosen to include students as members of our committee for the first time in OSAA history. They offer a great perspective on this topic and we are excited to work with them. Two of the students from our committee were selected to represent Oregon at the National Student Leadership Summit put on by the NFHS this summer in Indianapolis, IN. This is the first time the OSAA has sent representatives to this summit and we look forward to having the opportunity to build on the leadership skills of these tremendous individuals.

In their first meeting, the committee got to work reviewing some of the materials that were distributed to the schools at the recommendation of the previous committee. They also looked at the current awards programs, including the sportsmanship trophy handed out at our state championships.

The committee had great conversation about how we can best serve our schools and athletic directors to help facilitate better sportsmanship at regular season events and contests. We see this as an area where we can have a large impact without adding too much work for the administrators at the events.

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, August 15th, at 10 am at the OSAA office to review additional information, policies, and correspondence.

All written communication received will be forwarded to all members of the Sportsmanship Committee for their review. Please send emails to kellyf@osaa.org. Contact Peter Weber (peterw@osaa.org) or Kelly Foster (kellyf@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.