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STUDENT ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

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Approval of minutes unanimously approved by all members.

OSAA Report: Peter Weber gave a summary of the continued navigation through guidance for from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE). He also shared the membership's appreciation to all the organizations working through the OSAA culminating week events virtually. He also gave an update on the recent election and appointments on the OSAA Executive Board as well as the need for a new Activities Representative.

The OSAA Executive Board Report was given by Amber Cowgill. She gave an update from the Board and mentioned her move to another school/position. KT gave an update on the process for selecting a new representative to the Board. The application for the Activities Representative position on the Board has been sent out to all member schools. All applications are due by Friday, May 28. The SAAC will meet at 3:00pm on June 2nd to select the candidates they would like to interview. They will then convene on June 9th in the afternoon to interview the selected candidates.

Activities Reports:

Cheer: Cheer had a very successful competition season! OCCA went above and beyond to make competitions happen for cheer. Live award ceremonies were on Sundays. Some teams stunted while some did not, but they all worked together and expressed that they enjoyed the season. Lots of changes this year, but the OCCA was proud of how they stepped up and their conference is coming up. Looking forward to next year with free clinics and then a state championship that looks more like "normal."

Dance/Drill: Dance had a very successful season and engaged coaches and teams throughout the state! They went through a lot to allow the in-person and virtual options. Went to an online score sheet, a ratings system, provided awards and feedback to encourage teams to be able to get to kids and judges back engaged. Currently working on surveying the membership on what they would like to implement in 2022 which could be stair steps to changes in 2023.

Music: Solo was purely virtual at districts and state. Ties in nicely is shifting to a new website service for registration. OPUS was used which was great. Some students who expressed to do remote feedback moving forward but not at state. B/C/O are being adjudicated now. The flexibility allowed this year across the board for music has been very appreciated by the OMEA.

Proposal: During the 2021 culminating week event there was an inclusion of a rating given to each of the groups participating. The positive words used this year were Superior, Outstanding, and Excellent. The OMEA would like to maintain that rating. Would allow for some appreciated recognition for groups who score with those who receive the trophies - for example, physical awards would be given to the top five teams in 6A band but there may be two additional teams who received a superior rating. The championship would recognize and celebrate those groups as well. Could serve as a "bridge" from this online year to next year as well. Probably not an interest to cheer. Dance would like to survey their membership to ask their thoughts on it, it could be helpful for the larger divisions like 6A.

Speech: Had a whole season with districts and a state championship. Constant adaptations and the tech support from the national speech and debate association and the coaches here in Oregon made incredible things happen. Base issue of being able to get judges. Community service to work off your debt to instead of having to be fined for not having enough judges. The equity language at the beginning of the handbook has been super helpful. Kayla Crook was awarded the educator of the year for Speech. So many positives that have come out of this year especially regarding tech. Schools were able to go to more tournaments and many schools were able to have more engagement then with in person competitions.

Recognition of outgoing members: Jeremy Zander (OMEA), Christine Langley (OCCA), Jane Berry-Eddings (OHSSLCA).

Introduction of new committee members: Aliyah Jackson (OMEA), Chris Meyers (OHSSLCA) and OCCA will select their new representative at their upcoming membership meeting.

Future meeting dates: Mid/Late October and Mid/Late May