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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Student Advisory Council

The OSAA Student Advisory Council held their second meeting of the 2022-23 school year via zoom. This group will primarily use a virtual format for meetings allowing greater accessibility to the council members. Council members in attendance include Logan Gant, Lydia Plahn, Reid Gray, and Miles Palacios.

The meeting opened with a presentation from Miles Palacios on the OASC Student Collaborative: Oregon Students United Summit held January 11, 2023. This group of students and adult leaders came together in 2020 to work on a piece of legislation following several student leaders coming together to discuss their experiences of racism and bias in schools. The summit entitled The Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative, is the Youth Collaborative, which includes an advisory council at a state level that is more extensive with 40 students on that collaborative, two students from every ESD throughout the state.

The point of the new legislation that is being proposed is to make certain the student voice is included in the decisions being made in schools for all students. Members of the OSAA SAC have been invited to participate.

The students also discussed creating a formal sportsmanship campaign that would kick off during the 2023-24 school year. The remainder of this year, they would like to develop important messaging to promoting good sportsmanship. The messages would focus on modeling positive behaviors so kids and spectators know what they can and should do to make it a great environment. The students would like to engage other schools on social media to have them share their favorite cheers. The students would create a signature hashtag to accompany the campaign and as well as send out a survey to schools to collecting feedback.

Student Summit in Fall 2023- The group unanimously voted to focus on planning a student leadership summit for the fall 2023, expressing that early school year time frame will have the greatest impact on students and schools.

The group's next meeting February 2 11:30-12:30pm.