



## Oregon School Activities Association

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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 third 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, Anthony Giesch, and Miles Palacios.

The meeting was led by the student committee chair Lydia Plahn and open with a discussion on the What Helps Me Succeed Campaign. This campaign required committee members to complete questions and input ideas on a Google Form to allow for information to be shared as well as build content for the campaign.

The committee also discuss shifting the narrative from focusing only on sportsmanship to also focusing on spectators' behaviors and conduct. The idea was to not lose sight of the issues that are occurring outside of the playing surface by fans, students, and parents. The discussion included the need for everyone to understand the significant role that they play in providing a positive experience for all involved.

A committee member opened up about an unsportsmanlike experience while on a college visit and expressed his disappointment in the student section chants and the lack of involvement by administration to stop it. All committee members joined in that frustration with sharing their own similar experiences. We identified that these issues are bigger than the OSAA and this committee, but we're encouraged by the work we are doing to start an important conversation and committed to change that culture in any way we can.

The committee also express the challenges they have faced in only cheering for their team and not against the other team, we will be sharing examples of these cheers statewide soon. This idea will be shared in conjunction with the sportsmanship campaign, in which the committee decided would be tagged #OregonsGotSpirit, bringing together the entire state in a friendly competition of 'social media tag'. Where, once a school post a sportsmanship video, they will then challenge another school to do the same and so on, using the hashtag "#OregonsGotSpirit".

Finally, the group revisited the planning of the Student Leadership Summit and the potential locations and dates. There were a few popular options discussed in the Portland area, prior to the start of fall practices. While most of the committee members are seniors and will not be available in the fall, we discussed a replacement process for new members. The members expressed that new member application should be shared sooner than in past years in hopes of recruiting quality new members.

**Next meeting: February 23 at 11:30am.**