

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 – November 28 Meeting Minutes

The OSAA Sportsmanship Committee met for the third time on Tuesday, November 28th at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. Meeting attendees Marci McGillivray (PPS-PIL), Jennifer Teeter (Imbler HS), Debi Hanson (OAOA), Mark Horak (West Linn HS), Rob Younger (OACA), Christine Cooper (Lakeridge HS, SAAC), Sarah Warsaw (Summit HS), Jacob Pence (Banks HS), students Gianna Viola (Summit HS), and student Jack Roche (Wilsonville HS), along with OSAA Staff members Cindy Simmons, Kris Welch, and Kelly Foster.

The committee's focus at this meeting was to finalize the toolkit to distribute to our schools which will outline the role of the host school and visiting schools. The kit will include best practices from some of our seasoned school administrators around the state. The objective of this kit is to provide administrators with a clear definition of what is expected of them. It also aims to make the visiting teams, coaches, spirit squads, and officials feel like welcome, valued guests.

The toolkit will address clear communication lines prior to the contest, greeting expectations, seating guidelines, spirit groups, and officials. We will also include Public Address guidelines and scripts. We hope that this toolkit will also provide guidance to schools below the high school level as well.

The next thing this committee went over was the concept for a new Sportsmanship Award. The committee would like to roll it out this spring season with baseball and softball. The idea would be to collect nominations from officials across the state and award a single program with the Sportsmanship Award for that activity.

The committee will meet again on Wednesday, January 21, 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.