

MSAA Student Council Committee
January 15, 2019

Conference Call Minutes

1. Call to order at 12:05pm.

Attendance – Paul Branagan, Heidi Drawec, Robert Keuther, Erin Lachapelle, Diana Myers-Pachla, Peter Parcellin, Chris Starczewski, Peter Smith

Regrets – Steve Sangster

2. Executive Director Report

Paul Branagan provided a report on the following Student Council events to date:
Presidents Dinner (September 27) – over 40 schools and 100 people attended the annual kickoff event at the MSAA office. The JurMASCic Park theme was introduced for the year. State and Regional Presidents provided comments for the evening.

Officershop (October 12) – This annual event was hosted at Holy Cross and was a success with over 60 schools attending. Attorney Andrea Bell presented a session for Student Council Advisors in attendance.

Unified Bocce (January 12 and 13) – these events were hosted at Walpole High School and Oxford High School with over 400 attendees at both locations. Minnechaug Regional High School will be the Central/West host for the next two years.

Student Board initiatives – The Student Board will host the next monthly Twitter chat tomorrow evening. The Board has done a great job this year providing a monthly checklist and reminders for advisors.

3. Upcoming Events

Advisor Workshop (January 25-26) – Registration is strong for this event. Houston Kraft will present the Character Strong training over the two days. Club T, Ellen Orne and Jostens have provided contributions and materials for this event.

Summer Conference Curriculum Work (January 26-27) – Summer conference staff will spend an extra day following the Advisor Workshop to update materials for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd levels of the Summer Conference Curriculum.

Annual Conference (March 6-8) – Registration opened on January 7 for the conference and is expected to reach capacity. Keynote speakers include Shaun Derick, Heather Schultz and Brent Calamich. The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis at the Cape Codder Resort are the conference locations.

Middle Level Conference (March 23) – Tantasqua Regional High School will host the conference. The current Student Board will present workshop sessions. The conference is geared towards all members of a student council. Ted Wiese will be the keynote speaker and a workshop presenter. The registration portal will open in late January. In addition to middle level promotion, conference information will be sent to high school advisors with a request to support and promote at the middle level.

National Conference (June 24-26) – The registration cost was decreased to \$1,450 per person. A total of 80 spots are available and current registrations are around 40. The trip will be promoted at the Advisor Workshop and the Annual Conference.

4. New Business

The NASSP Conference will take place in Boston this summer, July 18-20. The conference would be a great opportunity to involve Massachusetts Student Council students. Paul Branagan has initially been in touch with Ann Postlewaite, NASSP Director of Student Programs regarding this topic and will follow up with additional information.

5. Other

The NAWD/NASSCED Conference will take place in Boston on December 3-6, 2020. Paul Branagan assisted with the bid process for host locations. The Westin Waterfront was selected as the host site. Paul is creating a state planning team with Student Council Advisors to select a conference theme, events and additional details.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at 12:30pm. Several committee members expressed a preference to participate via conference call for the meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.