

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Student Advisory Council**

**100 N First Street
Springfield, IL 62777**

**November 5, 2013
10:30 a.m. – 4:30p.m.**

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Attached)
- IV. Co-Chair & Secretary Reports
- V. Sponsor Reports
- VI. Discuss individual meetings with administrators
- VII. Discuss questionnaire
- VIII. Lunch
- IX. Discuss direction of project
- X. Break into small groups
- XI. Adjourn

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 18, 2013
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Bloomington – Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Centers

Secretary: Ernesto Alvarez

In Attendance: Alicea Destiny, Ernesto Alvarez, Hannah Auten, Mary Casino, Tyler Cozad, Sabrina Flohr, Austin Hansen, Miles Healy, Shelby Ireland, Colleen Madden, Thomas Rice, Morgan Rich, Danielle Segerstrom, Khushi Suri, Kayla Von Burg, Rhett Warner

Absent: Brandy Brown, Richard Cunningham

Meeting Minutes:

I. Welcome

- Carol Brooks and Camille Vincent introduced themselves to the new ISBE SAC members
- Travel reimbursement forms were distributed

II. Introductions

- All members introduced themselves

III. Expectations and Communication

- Student Advisory Council Code of Ethics form was distributed and discussed (turn in next meeting)
- Legal implications of partaking in ISBE SAC were discussed
 - Must represent ISBE in the best way possible
 - Must notify advisors before being interviewed by media

IV. Overview of SAC

- Mission statement reviewed and discussed; this provided focus for the council's decision-making.
 - Voicing student concerns and providing student perspectives on the state's education policies
- Past projects were discussed; this provided members with an overview of the true difference that the group can make

V. Open Meetings Act

- Open Meetings Act
 - Public is allowed to partake in meetings
 - Aimed towards making Illinois government transparent
 - ISBE SAC cannot meet more than quorum (unless an official meeting is scheduled)
 - Can only meet if less than four from the group are present
 - Make sure to not reply to all in emails

VI. Break/Dinner

VII. Election of SAC Officers

- Co-Chair position election speech
 - Austin M. Hansen
 - Danielle Segerstrom
- Secretary election speech
 - Ernesto Alvarez
- Motion to vote:
 - 1st-Austin M. Hansen
 - 2nd-Danielle Segerstrom
- Elected Officers
 - Co-Chairs: Austin M. Hansen and Danielle Segerstrom
 - Secretary: Ernesto Alvarez

VIII. Discuss Project Topic

- **Use of technology in schools.** What is readiness to give online assessments in their schools? What are different policies and practices across the state and what do they recommend?
 - Online assessments
 - Constraints: money, equity, infrastructure
- **Changes in instruction as a result of common core standards.** What are students seeing with regard to changes, if any, with instruction as we implement these standards?
 - Very broad standards
 - ELA and Math
 - Gearing towards college and career readiness
 - Framework of what can be taught

- **Student Supports while coming into High School.** What are ways in which their schools are supporting students coming into High School? Are there practices that are in place that should be shared statewide? What do they recommend as optimal supports to ensure students transition into high school smoothly?
 - Parent involvement can be promoted
 - Different at each school district
 - Student mentoring programs were discussed
- **Preventing Student Experimentation with Drugs and alcohol:** What trends are students seeing with regard to drug and alcohol use by students who attend their schools? What prevention and intervention efforts do they think would be successful in curtailing this use?
 - Very different environments everywhere
 - Large amounts of quantitative data already available
- **Student Discipline:** What do suspension and expulsion rates and policies differ among their schools. To what can differences be attributed?
 - The way policies are executed around Illinois
 - Consistency
 - Creating a guideline followed by all schools

IX. Review Choices

- Voting (2 students absent)
- Motion to vote:
 - 1st- Danielle Segerstrom
 - 2nd- Sabrina Flohr
- Outcome of Elections:
 - **Use of technology in schools.**
 - 0 Votes
 - **Changes in instruction as a result of common core standards.**
 - 0 votes
 - **Student Supports while coming into High School.**
 - 2 Votes
 - **Preventing Student Experimentation with Drugs and Alcohol.**
 - 0 Votes
 - **Student Discipline.**
 - 14 Votes

X. Create Project Thesis

- Thesis: The Illinois State Board of Education's Student Advisory Council will explore the inconsistencies of student disciplinary policies and how they are executed within each district across the state.
- Motion to vote:
 - 1st- Danielle Segerstrom
 - 2nd-Sabrina Flohr

XI. Recess Meeting to Reconvene September 19, 2013

- Motion to Adjourn:
 - 1st- Tyler Cozad
 - 2nd- Mary Casino

Date: September 19, 2013

Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

- I. Board Meeting/ Student Advisory Board Introductions**
- II. Adjourn**

Steps for upcoming meeting:

- 1.** Meet with your school's principal and acquire a copy of your school's disciplinary policy
- 2.** Begin research
- 3.** Bring signed Student Advisory Council Code of Ethics to November 5th meeting