



Fall CTSO Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Attendance:

Regions: Bear River Region-Alison Williams, Central Region – Brett Callister, Mountainland Region – Stephanie Clegg, Southwest Region – Rod Quarnberg, Uintah Basin Region – Camille Browning, Wasatch Front North – Christine Heslop, Wasatch Front South – Janet Goble, Southeast - vacant

CTSO State Advisors: DECA – Jill Hess, Educators Rising – Becky Sagers, FBLA – Duke DiStefano, FCCLA – Nikki Sue Larkin, FFA – McKena Wallentine, HOSA – Denise Abbott, SkillsUSA – Richard Wittwer, TSA – Mike Smoot

USBE Staff: Thalea Longhurst - Chair, Andrea Curtin - CTSO Manager, Wendi Morton, DECA/FBLA – Racheal Routt, Educators Rising – Ashley Higgs, FCCLA – Lola Shipp, FFA – Buddy Deimler, HOSA – Maren Hansen, SkillsUSA – Brent Cox, TSA – Kristina Yamada

1. Welcome – Thalea Longhurst
2. CTSO Special Project Grants for LEAs– Thalea Longhurst
USBE will have some funds available for CTSO special project grants this year. The grant application will be sent out in the CTE Connections email. It will also be placed in the CTE Directors OneDrive under CTSO Resources. The application is due on October 31, 2021. The grants must focus on the following targets:
 - NESS and Rural Schools with approved CTE programs
 - LEAs with new programs and new CTSOs
 - Approved CTE programs with high percentages of economically disadvantaged students
 - Approved CTE programs with high percentages of minority students
3. Membership Recruitment and Reporting Schedule – Thalea Longhurst
The membership reporting schedule is the same as last year. CTSO State Advisors will pull membership on November 15 and April 1. Please have your students nationally affiliated and paid memberships into nationals by March 15 to be counted. Directors will have access to their data in the Data Gateway on December 1 and April 15. The final report which funding is generated from will be available on May 1. These dates are available in the CTE Directions OneDrive folder under CTE Resources.
4. Middle School Divisions – Duke Di Stefano
 - a. Middle School Going to Nationals – Duke is excited to announce that FBLA is growing its middle school division. All the CTSO State Advisors understand that it is up to each LEA whether they allow middle school students to attend nationals. After a quick poll, it looks like most LEAs will not allow middle school students to travel.
 - b. FBLA Middle School State Conference on a Saturday – This year because FBLA's middle school division has grown they will be holding a separate state conference event on a Saturday. This is what chapter advisors preferred. The CTE Directors approved this event for a Saturday. Duke will send more information as it becomes available.
 - c. Richard Wittwer also announced that SkillsUSA would be starting a middle school division.

5. R277-914 Draft Update – Thalea Longhurst
Thalea shared a draft update to Board Rule R277-914. Board rules come up for review every few years. While it is open any changes can be proposed. R277-914 is the rule that governs USBE's work with CTSOs. Changes were made to bring the rule up to date with practice. NOTE: This rule was approved by the full Board on Sept 2, 2021 and the final version can be seen in the CTE Directors OneDrive CTSO Resources folder.
6. Overnight Stay Policies, How many to a room? Did Covid change your LEA policies? – Thalea Longhurst
Thalea asked the Directors if how, many students to a room policies/travel policies have changed due to COVID. Many Districts have gone back to pre-COVID policies and will allow up to 4 students per room, however there are some districts that are either asking for 2 students to a room or not allowing overnight travel at all. Each LEA is different and travel policies must continue to be flexible for health and safety reasons.
7. CTSO Updates – State Advisors
 - a. DECA – Jill Hess is new and just happy to be joining us. Fall Leadership will be help on September 28 at Thanksgiving Point and the DECA REAL Night will be September 29.
 - b. Educators Rising – They will be holding their Fall Leadership at Weber State Davis Campus on October 6.
 - c. FBLA – Fall Leadership will be October 6 at the Utah Valley Convention Center.
 - d. FCCLA - Fall Leadership will be September 29 at the Utah Valley Convention Center
 - e. FFA – September 30 will be the Area Leadership Training. They are doing a new model for fall leadership. They will be training the area leadership teams and the areas will be putting on their own fall leadership trainings. Don't forget to come to the state fair and visit Little Hands on the Farm.
 - f. HOSA – Fall Leadership will be October 5 at the Utah Valley Convention Center.
 - g. SkillsUSA – Will be holding their Fall Leadership at UVU on October 12.
 - h. TSA – Will hold a virtual Fall Leadership on October 9.
8. Regional Reports:
 - a. There were a lot of thank you for jobs well done for the state advisors. They are also thankful that events will be back in person this year. Janet Goble asked if Andrea will make a combined calendar of events like she has done in the past. Andrea agreed to do this.
9. Dates for next CTSO Events:
 - a. State Conference Multi-Year Calendar is available in the CTE Directors OneDrive CTSO Resources.
 - b. 2021-2022 Event Calendars are available in the CTE Directors OneDrive CTSO Resources and were included on past CTE Connections emails.
 - c. Spring CTSO Committee Meetings – Wednesday, April 13, 2021, CTE Blue Room or Zoom, Advisor Sharing from 12:00 – 2:00 pm and Committee Meeting 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
 - d. CTSO Leadership Training Institute – June 2-4, 2022, at the Provo Marriott Hotel.