

KDASC Fall Retreat Agenda

November 21, 2019

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
 - A. School
 1. Shiloh- 5 students; 1 advisor
 2. Unity- 12 students; 1 advisor
 3. St. Joe- 13 students; 1 advisor
 4. Hoopeston- 6 students; 2 advisors
 5. Oakwood- 9 students; 1 advisor
 6. Rantoul- 25 students; 1 advisor
 7. Bismark- not in attendance
 8. Tuscola- 14 students; 1 advisor
 9. Armstrong- 6 students; 1 advisor
 10. Mahomet- 28 students; 2 advisors
 - B. District Board
 1. Maddy Cary- absent
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Shelby entertains a motion to accept the reading of the minutes.
 1. So moved- Katie
 2. Seconded- Bella
 3. Approved
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President: Shelby Kofoot

1. Shelby states, “I made an agenda for this month and edited the letter that we will be giving to the state about the District Choice Award.”
2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.
 - a) So moved- Bella
 - b) Seconded- Malia
 - c) Approved

B. Vice President: Katie Williams

1. Katie states, “ I made this month’s newsletter. I finished inserting the officers pictures for the contact page in the newsletter. I have been taking pictures at all the events and I tried getting the amount of donations of each event but Shelby didn’t have them, so I do not have an updated poster at this time.”
2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.
 - a) So moved- Andrea
 - b) Seconded- Erin
 - c) Approved

C. Secretary: Maddy Cary

1. Maddy states, “ I have typed up and formatted the minutes for the Halloween dance and the Fall Retreat. I am sorry I couldn’t make it today due to surgery!”
2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.
 - a) So moved- Bella
 - b) Seconded- Katie

c) Approved

D. Treasurer: Andrea Penrose

E. Andrea states, “We have deposited the District Dues. There was 14 cents added to the account in interest for a final balance of \$19,401.57. We had \$765 deposit from the Halloween Dance from Unity.”

F. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.

1. So moved- Bella
2. Seconded- Erin
3. Approved

G. Historian: Bella Davenport

1. Bella states, “I have been taking pictures and uploading them into the shared Google Photos. I have been organizing pictures for the scrapbook; it will be fairytale themed, since the State theme is fairytale. That’s all I have.”
2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.
 - a) So moved- Malia
 - b) Seconded- Andrea
 - c) Approved

H. Virtual Historian: Erin Anderson

1. Erin, “I have been taking pictures, but don’t have any from the Halloween Dance, but there are some I can use on our shared Google Photos.”
2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.
 - a) So moved- Katie

b) Seconded- Andrea

c) Approved

I. State Liason: Natasha Plummer

1. Natasha states, “ I sent the secretary’s minutes to the State Secretary, but Andrea just shared her report with me today so I will be sending that off soon.”

2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.

a) So moved- Bella

b) Seconded- Katie

c) Approved

J. Webmaster: Malia Fairbanks

1. Malia states, “ I uploaded the secretary’s notes and we need to talk about our shirts.”

2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.

a) So moved- Erin

b) Seconded- Emily

c) Approved

K. Convention Secretary: Emily Hall

1. Emily states, “So, this year for District Convention I would like the Board to dress kind of alike, maybe wear a black and red combination, with some sunglasses that are different from the rest of the District. Next, everything has been looked at and will be sent out at the same time, but each application will have different due dates; but I need a list of advisors and their emails so I can get them sent out to them. So there are six agents this

year, for the six agents of leadership. Convention is at the I-Hotel.”

2. Shelby entertains a motion to accept this officer report.
 - a) So moved- Bella
 - b) Seconded- Natasha
 - c) Approved

V. Unfinished Business

A. T-shirts

1. We will announce that there will be t-shirts available to be ordered while we are here.
2. We will get the District Board and advisor’s ordered now, \$10 each and the account will cover the rest.
 - a) Give the money to Andrea and she will write a check for the t-shirts when the money is needed.
3. The deadline has been changed to December 13th

B. Student Skypes

1. Shelby sent out a reminder email and one school replied.
2. The board reminded the advisors about the student skypes.

C. State Board Meeting- November 23

1. Andrea will go Saturday and hand in our letter to the State Board.

VI. New Business

A. Approval of letter to board

1. Shelby entertains a motion to approve the letter to the state board which states:

“To the members of the board,

Thank you for taking the time to accept and read our letter which is in response to the decision announced at the last board meeting to dismantle the recognition of excellence amongst the state’s districts. Recently, the State has altered and removed the District Award of Choice from the state. As members of the Kickapoo District Association of Student Councils, over the years we have come to appreciate the efforts from the State Board to challenge us and encourage our growth as leaders. The state board has passionately encouraged us to push ourselves toward excellence. The state’s direction has been about “raising the bar” of expectation and had indeed brought many of us to look more critically at our processes, our service, and our leadership.

With this having been said, once it was communicated to us that the state would no longer be offering the District Choice Award, we were more than surprised. Not only our district, but other districts in the state of Illinois, strive for this award every year. Considering the criteria sought in order to achieve the District Choice Award, it seems every district gets an equal opportunity to be awarded the recognition. This award has pushed the KDASC to be at its best each year, and it surely would motivate the other

IASC districts as well. As proud members of the Kickapoo district, we wish to maintain this tradition of excellence and growth in the coming years.

Our concern moves beyond our own district. We believe that eliminating the District Award of Choice will negatively impact the entire membership of our state's association of student councils. The drive to achieve will be less than it once was; although our many hard-working councils and advisors will undoubtedly continue to move forward, will it truly be with the same passion as before? Without this award, we are concerned that both present and future expectations might be lowered across our state. What damage might be done by this apparent lowering of standards? Is the state's membership not better served by the challenge presented by this award?

Our proposition is this: the award will be obsolete this year—it's simply too late to attempt to put it out again. However, the state and districts will work together to rework the award to meet the expectations of both groups. The state will send it out at the start of the new term and will advertise it as something all districts should strive for. This will allow the state the time to create an award to be achievable by all districts. Through

advertising and making the requirements clear, more districts will become intent on reaching for the award.

In the end, know that the Kickapoo District will continue to strive towards excellence, not only for our own sake, but for that of our schools and our local communities. Of course, we will do so also for the greater good of our state's association. You've served us well in the past IASC; we are confident you will continue to do so in the future.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Kickapoo District Association of Student Councils"

2. Shelby entertains a motion to approve the letter to the state board.
 - a) So moved- Bella
 - b) Seconded- Katie
 - c) Approved

B. Progress for Winter Retreat- Armstrong

1. Winter Retreat will be held on January 15th at Armstrong, the district board will have their meeting in the lunch room where extra members can sit in during the meeting if they wish.

C. State officer applications

1. They are due on November 29th.

2. Make sure that if anyone from your council is planning on running that they don't announce what position they are running for or they will be disqualified.

VII. Adjournment

A. Shelby entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:09

1. So moved- Andrea
2. Seconded- Bella
3. Approved