

BCFL Fall 2023 Coach Meeting

August 24, 2023, 7:00 PM

Virtual

In attendance: Terri Dimka, Steven Sprouse, Aimee Sann, Kelli Midgley, Michelle Dacey, Peter Susko, Teresa Needer, Mimi Cukier, Jessica Nichols, Camila Vasquez, Dylan Valente, Brian Shouse, Curren Trusty, Marlo Lacson, Jake Taylor, Forrest Gertin, Joy Reider Simpson, Jack Orr, Vincenzo Paniccia

The current directors are:

Steven Sprouse: Diocesan Director

Teresa Needer: Tournament Director

Michelle Dacey: Assistant Director Speech

Peter Susko: Assistant Director Policy

Camila Vasquez: Assistant Director PF

Jakob Taylor: Assistant Director Student Congress

Kelli Midgley: Assistant Director LD

1. Welcome by Diocesan Director by Steven Sprouse: We went around the Zoom room to share any fun stories and introduce all present.
2. Budget: Aimee summarized it briefly and will send it with these minutes to all coaches. Steven believes that the NCFL may raise their dues and/or fees this year. Part of the BCFL dues goes to the NCFL but we will not raise dues this year as our budget is set and sufficient to cover any difference.
3. Dues/data card collection: The dues invoice, which is commonly paid by each school, and the NCFL data card, which is to be completed by you and signed by your principal was sent immediately after the meeting. These can be handed to the secretary/treasurer Aimee Sann at BCFL 1, 2, or 3, or mailed to the address on the invoice, either together or separately. In addition, a link was shared of the coach contact information. Please send corrections or additions to Aimee Sann at sanna@notredameprep.com
4. Student Congress schedule
 - SC 1 -- Wednesday, October 4 (virtual)
 - SC 2: Wednesday, October 25 (virtual)
 - SC 3 and 4—Saturday, November 18 at BCFL 3 (Arundel), AM and PM sessions
 - SC 5: Wednesday, December 13 (virtual)
 - SC 6 and 7: Saturday, January 20 at BCFL 5 (City), AM and PM sessions
 - SC 8: Wednesday, January 31 (virtual and will use leftover legislation if needed)

Congress Metro Finals – Wednesday, March 13 (possibly in-person and possibly at Reservoir or River Hill)

5. **2022-23 Event Calendar**

- BCFL 1: October 7 Mount Saint Joseph High School
- BCFL 2: October 28 Calvert Hall College High School
- BCFL 3: November 18 Arundel High School
- BCFL 4: December 16 Reservoir High School
- BCFL 5: January 20: Baltimore City College
- BCFL 6: February 3 Towson High School

Metros: tentatively at Loyola-Blakefield on March 16.

6. Brian presented his interest and plans to get teams together to compete virtually in World Schools Debate during November – February. This was shared in the email sent out with tonight’s agenda. Please contact Brian at brian.shouse@yahoo.com if your school is interested in learning about and competing in this event.

7. Correction: The minutes from June 2023 incorrectly stated that Hannah from River Hill broke to the semifinals of Student Congress and earned the 15th slot in the nation. Hannah competed in Student Congress Finals at the NCFLs. My apologies for the error!

The meeting ended at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Sann