

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 16, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Extracurricular Meeting

16 NOVEMBER 2009

Board Members Present: Mary Homan, Karl Wimmer, Gloria Smith, Chris Caterson and Kathy Mordovancey

Administration Present: Jim Tallarico and Joe Gilhool (Athletic Director)

Coaches Present: Jim Lewis (Wrestling), Barry Wheaton (Boys' Basketball), Al Smith (Girls' Basketball).

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

Old Business:

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Winter 2009** – Mr. Gilhool reviewed the points of emphasis with the coaches. Mr. Gilhool commented on the growth of points of emphasis over his 10 years as the District's Athletic Director. Points that were stressed included:
 - Calling of results of contest in to Television and Newspapers, both in the Scranton and Binghamton areas. Please email the results of all competitions to Mr. Gilhool so that he can keep an updated result on the webpage.
 - Students are not allowed to play and/or practice without the required physical.
 - In order to resume play following an injury, a player must be cleared to play by the same physician that discontinued the play. The trainer can not perform this function. Coaches should make parents aware of their concern should a coach feel a student/athlete warrants seeing a doctor.
 - All coaches should have internet access for webpage messaging to team members and parents. If you don't have access, please tell Mr. Gilhool and it will be provided.
 - Students will be in school by 10 a.m. in order to compete and/or practice on that day unless a doctor's note is supplied.
 - All coaching staffs must remind their athletes not to have any valuables unsecured in the locker room area.

- Provide Mr. Gilhool with a list of varsity athletes that will letter for the first time or have participated at the varsity level for a 2 year period in order to ensure the purchase of a varsity jacket.
- No Sunday activities without the prior permission of the superintendent. Also, when school is postponed you may be able to play or practice with the approval of the superintendent only. All postponed games will be made up on the next available date.
- No out of season sport will be allowed to utilize a school van for transportation to a sports related activity. Mr. Gilhool discussed a recent situation that developed with Elk Lake regarding Elk Lake's request for us to transport students to a pre-season conditioning workout. Mr. Gilhool explained that the transportation of those students to a preseason workout is in direct violation of PIAA rules and regulations. Beginning Friday, November 20th transportation will be provided for the swim team to and from Elk Lake on a daily basis. There are currently 13 students signed up for the team – with the potential of additional students signing up as the beginning of the season draws near.
- Coaches be advised that all directions to visiting schools are located on the school website. If you find inaccurate directions on the website please let Mr. Gilhool immediately.
- Coaches need to prepare a bus trip seating chart for their team and provide that chart to the drivers. Reminder that parents can take their children home following an event only with the coaches' permission. Please be reminded that it must be with the parent.
- There will be two pay periods – the first will be in December and the second at the conclusion of the season when all equipment has been turned in to the Athletic Director.
- Mr. Gilhool clarified the new insurance coverage that provides District provided insurance as the secondary insurance for the student-athlete. It can be the primary insurance if the parent wishes to purchase it at their own expense.
- Mr. Tallarico will conduct all head coaches' evaluations at the close of each season. Mr. Tallarico will complete the evaluation and provide the coach with a copy. At that point, if the coach wishes to discuss the evaluation with Mr. Tallarico a meeting will be held.
- Winter practice season will not be interrupted by the treatment of the gym floor over the Christmas vacation.
- Energy conservation items implemented during last year regarding utilization of the gym at specific times on Saturday and vacation time will be continued as established last year.

Mr. Tallarico emphasized to all of the coaches the importance of locker room supervision. There needs to be a presence in the locker rooms by the coaching staff before and after all practices and competitions. There will be a fall locker room clean out on Thursday, November 19th in preparation for the Winter sports' season. He also emphasized that the head coaches are responsible for their programs and that they

should instruct their junior high coaches to bring their concerns to the head coach. He also emphasized that any thing that is distributed to the players on the team should also be given to the administration. In that way, the administration will be given a “heads up” in situations that may arise.

Mr. Gilhool discussed the cut policy in place at the varsity level. Coaches are allowed to limit the sizes of their varsity teams by cutting, but it is emphasized that communication to the student-athletes is essential in that process. Mrs. Homan requested that any students cut from the Basketball team at the High School be provided the contact information for the Newman Hall programs in Choconut.

New Business:

- **Coaches' Reports** – The head coaches then reviewed the status of their programs. At this point, the seasons have not yet started and projections on the numbers would be premature at this point -
 - **Wrestling** – Head Coach Jim Lewis reported that he is pleased with the initial sign ups for both the varsity and junior high level programs. Students have been working hard in the preseason conditioning program and he is looking forward to his initial season as the Head Wrestling Coach.
 - **Girls' Basketball** – Head Coach Al Smith reported that he is also pleased with the turn out during the preseason conditioning program. He is looking forward to the start of the season. He also reported that this will be the last season for the girls' team participation in the Riverside Christmas Tournament. It is the hope that we will be able to participate in the local Community Foundation Tournament in the future.
 - **Boys' Basketball** – Assistant Coach Barry Wheaton reported in Coach Smith's absence. Coach Smith is on vacation this week. Mr. Gilhool mentioned that there is the possibility that a few of the schools have discussed withdrawing from the Community Foundation Christmas Tournament. If that occurs, it was asked if there is the potential for us to host our own tournament. Mr. Tallarico explained that he has discussed this situation with Mr. Ognosky and, if need be, the superintendents will step in to ensure that the Tournament continues. The Community Foundation has worked closely with the schools and that relationship is important to the superintendents in the county schools that participate.
- **Open Forum:** Mr. Tallarico informed the group that the District is planning an in-service program for all coaches at all levels on Monday, January 18th in the High School Auditorium. Information will be distributed to the head coaches in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by *Mike Ognosky*