

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 10, 2011 8 P.M.

Extracurricular Meeting

10 NOVEMBER 2011

Board Members Present: Mary Homan and Gloria Smith

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

Coaches Present: Mike Zuba and Sean Madden (Boys' Basketball), Al Smith (Girls' Basketball), Joe Moore (Wrestling), Kelly Robinson (Wrestling Cheerleading), Sandy Arnold (Basketball Cheerleading).

Visitor Present: Mike Boccella (Dean of Students)

Meeting commenced at 8:00 PM

Old Business:

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Winter 2012** – Mr. Gilhool reviewed the points of emphasis with the coaches. 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.
 - Coaches will now be paid by direct deposit only. Please be sure to get your information to the Business Office so that you can be paid on time.
 - 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.

- Requirements for a Varsity Jacket have changed. A student must now have received a second varsity letter prior to getting a jacket. In Wrestling and Basketball players must participate in at least half of the scheduled contests and for half of the quarters in Basketball. Letters earned can be in different sports. Cheerleaders and Managers will receive their jackets following the completion of their junior year.
- 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.
- Coaches were 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.
- 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 staff 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. At the close of each sports' season, Mr. Gilhool places parent and athlete surveys on the webpage and they are provided the opportunity to evaluate the coach. Those results are shared with the coach as part of their self-evaluation and are not utilized by the administration when conducting their evaluation of the staff.
- It was emphasized that there needs to be supervision of the locker room by a member of the respective coaching staff during those periods of time before and after practice while students are in the locker rooms.
- Mr. Gilhool reviewed the responsibilities of the trainer, Sarah Stang, and provided the coaches with her contact information.
- Custodians will start to set up for varsity contests promptly at 5:15 p.m. Practices are to be concluded by that time on game nights.
- Absolutely no posters on the gym walls and at no time is there to be food or drinks in the gym.
- No athlete is allowed to sit on the bleachers during practice unless the bleachers are extended.
- Coaches need to be responsible for the condition of the coaches' office. No athlete is to be in the coaches' office unsupervised. Do not give athletes access to the office.

- Calendars for practice need to be updated on a daily basis. Changes to practice must be communicated to players and the Athletic Director ASAP.

New Business:

- **Coaches' Reports** – The head coaches then reviewed the status of their programs. At this point, the seasons are yet to start and the number of players out for the team is unavailable. Mr. Gilhool explained that at this point the number of players who have completed physicals or the recertification process is very low. He encouraged coaches to remind players that the first day of practice is Friday, November 18th and players will not be allowed to practice without a physical -
 - **Wrestling** – Head Coach Joe Moore explained that he has one returning starter from last year's team. He is very encouraged by the number of students who have approached him in the past few days and asked about coming out for the team. That is especially true of the Junior High program.
 - **Girls Basketball** – Head Coach Al Smith is expecting a large turnout for the teams in the program, especially at the Junior High level. He should have a strong returning varsity group and is looking forward to starting the season.
 - **Boys Basketball** – Assistants Mike Zuba and Sean Madden are encouraged by the number of boys who have attended the open gym program the past week and are expecting a large turnout for the teams in the program.
 - **Cheerleading** – Both Sandy Arnold (Basketball) and Kelly Robinson (Wrestling) have their squads set for the upcoming season as the tryout selection process has concluded. They are working with Mr. Gilhool to ensure adequate shared practice space for both squads.
 - **Swimming** – Mr. Gilhool explained that the Elk Lake Swim Coach will be at the Junior-Senior High School next week meeting with interested students in preparation for the beginning of practice. Interested students are urged to attend the meeting.
- **Open Forum:** The following items were discussed during the open forum:
 - Mr. Tallarico explained that it is imperative that coaches stay in communication with him throughout the season in order to head off any concerns that may develop. It is very important to keep the Principal and the Athletic Director in the loop in those situations.
 - Mrs. Smith asked if the elementary programs have adequate gym availability at Lathrop Street. Mr. Ognosky explained that he had discussed this with Mr. Adams previous to the meeting. Currently, the elementary girls' program (which has begun) utilizes the gym after school. That program will continue through December. That same gym time will then be made available to the elementary boys' program in January and February.

- Mrs. Robins asked a question of the administration regarding the procedures for checking on the athletic eligibility of students. Mr. Tallarico and Mr. Gilhool explained that a weekly list is sent to all teachers who then review the eligibility of the students on the list and report back to the administration. The administration then addresses the students and informs the coaches of academic eligibility concerns. Students who are ineligible are prohibited from practicing and participating in games for a period of one week. Eligibility is then reviewed on a weekly basis.
- Mr. Tallarico explained that the football staff visited Elk Lake on Thursday and met with approximately 60 students in grades 7-12 who have expressed an interest in participating. He said the staff also met with our students in grades 7-12 and approximately 70 students attended that meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by *Mike Ognosky*