

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE AUGUST 15, 2011 7 P.M.

Extracurricular Meeting

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Board Members Present: Kathy Mordovancey

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

Coaches Present: Mike Zuba (Golf), Dean Brewer and Jim Shelp (Cross Country), Brianna Strobe (Field Hockey), Dave Spence and Max Amato (Boys' Soccer), Jim Hinds (Girls' Tennis), Russ Canevari (Football), Diane Dean and Heather Bradley (Girls' Volleyball), John Cherundolo (Girls' Soccer), and Sue Bennici (Marching Band).

Visitor Present: Mike Boccella (Dean of Students)

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

Old Business:

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Fall 2011** – 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. Mr. Gilhool will work with Boys' Soccer and Golf - they will communicate to him and he will place the information on the webpage.

- 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. Letters earned can be in different sports.
- 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.
- 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.
- Coaches need to make a bus trip seating chart. This seating chart needs to be given to the bus driver if they request it.
- Mr. Gilhool explained the Athlete of the week procedures to the group. He also provided the latest copy of the varsity schedules to them as well.
- Mr. Gilhool reviewed the concession stand schedule with the coaches. Teams will be responsible for running the concession stand during the 5 home football games.

New Business:

- **Coaches' Reports** – The head coaches then reviewed the status of their programs. At this point, the seasons have just started and the current number of participants may change -

- **Girls' Volleyball** – Head Coach Diane Dean reported that she has 30 girls in grades 9-12 out for the team. Many are returning players and she is very excited by the potential she sees. She requested that an area be provided for storage of her practice volleyballs. Mr. Gilhool will arrange for a secure area for that purpose.
- **Golf** – Head Coach Mike Zuba has 16 players for his Varsity team. He feels the team should be very competitive in its league and he thanked the Montrose Country Club for their continued support of the program.
- **Football** – Head Coach Russ Canevari anticipates 30-35 players on the Varsity level and 30-35 players on the Junior High level. He thanked the players for their participation in the off season conditioning program and is very pleased with the coaching staff he has been able to put together. He asked that the holes in the upper field be addressed and asked that the board give future consideration for additional space for off season conditioning and weight room work outs.
- **Boys' Soccer**– Head Coach Max Amato is expecting 25-30 boys for the team and commented on the fact that they are a very talented group. He asked that the maintenance staff cut the grass lower to enhance the playing conditions on the field. A number of coaches echoed that thought and Mr. Gilhool will speak to Rickie about cutting the fields lower.
- **Girls' Tennis**- Head Coach Jim Hinds expects 10-15 girls out for the team. He requested that the net posts be addressed as they are creating cracking in the courts. Also, the storage shed needs to be repaired as the clasp is no longer working effectively.
- **Field Hockey** – Head Coach Brianna Strobe reported that she currently has 15 Varsity candidates and 6 at the Junior High level. She expects both numbers to go up as we move closer to the start of school. She asked that the field be checked as it is lined improperly in a few places. Mr. Gilhool will bring that to Rickie's attention.
- **Girls' Soccer** – Head Coach John Cherundolo has 27 girls out for the varsity team. They are very inexperienced and they will improve as the season moves forward. He reminded Mr. Gilhool that the varsity uniforms may have to be replaced following this season if the PIAA maintains its current stance regarding the requirement that uniforms be one solid color with no piping, etc.
- **Cross Country** – Head Coach Dean Brewer expects between 30-40 participants for Cross Country – combined at both the Junior High and Varsity levels. He reminded Mr. Gilhool that the annual invitational is September 10th and the grooming of the course needs to begin quickly in order for it to be in top shape for the invitational meet.
- **Marching Band** – Director Sue Bennici thanked the coaches for all of their cooperation to this point in the season as a number of the athletes also participate in the marching band program. She also asked that if coaches' need musical talent for their senior night programs to ask – she would be glad to assist in any way possible.

- **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. He praised the group for their cooperation with each other and asked that coaches keep an open mind in allowing students to continue to join their teams now that the practice schedule has started. He has received a few calls from parents regarding the possibility for their child to join a team as school starts as they are currently working or otherwise unavailable. Mr. Tallarico will work with the coaches in those situations. He reminded everyone of two important weeks in the fall sports' season: October 3-7 will be Homecoming Week and October 16-21 will be our annual Pink Out Week raising funds for Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention.
 - Mr. Ognosky reviewed the current cooperative sponsorship agreement with Elk Lake for Football beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.
 - Mrs. Mordovancey asked Mr. Gilhool a question regarding the athletic portion of the web site and disappearing information. Mr. Gilhool explained that there has been a glitch in the current software utilized for that purpose and the problem should be addressed prior to the beginning of the scheduled games.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by *Mike Ognosky*