

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**  
**MEETING DATE MARCH 17, 2011 7 P.M.**

## **Extracurricular Meeting**

**17 MARCH 2011**

Board Members Present: Kathy Mordovancey and Kristen Follert.

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

Coaches Present: Sean Castellani (Track), Ryan Soden (Baseball), Melanie Lasher and Melvin Ely (Softball), Jim Hinds (Boys' Tennis)

Visitor Present: Bill Host (HS Teacher)

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

### **Old Business:**

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Spring 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.
  - 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.
- 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.
- Mr. Tallarico emphasized 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.

### **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 -
  - **Baseball** – Head Coach Ryan Soden informed the group that he had 33 candidates for the Varsity and Junior Varsity and 16 for Junior High. We will be operating three full teams this season. The coaching staff is set and has been working with the players for the past week. He has spoken to Mr. Clapper regarding a few concerns he has including: repair work required on the third base dugout as well as a need for extra pitching mounds at the baseball field and Junior High Soccer fields (alternate practice site). Mr. Gilhool clarified for all coaches the need to contact him personally when requesting Saturday practice time. He will then inform the maintenance department that you will be coming in to utilize the facilities. Coaches had been using "School Dude" and there have been some miscommunications.

- **Softball** – Head Coach Melanie Lasher informed the group that she has 21 candidates for Junior Varsity and Varsity and 20 for the Junior High team. One of her assistant junior high coaches has just resigned and we will be posting that position immediately. She explained that she has held a parent meeting and reviewed all of her procedures with the parents. She did have a concern regarding the size of the dugouts and the PIAA requirement that all personnel be required to remain in the dugout at all times during a contest. Mr. Gilhool and the coaching staff will work on a solution for this season.
- **Track** – Head Coach Sean Castellani has 33 boys and 38 girls out for Varsity Track and 19 boys and 19 girls out for Junior High Track. His coaching staff is all set and working hard with the students in preparation for the season. He asked that additional sand be placed in the jumping pits, that the jump pits take off boards be replaced by maintenance and that gravel be added to the area near the turnstile entrance to the field.
- **Boys Tennis** – Head Coach Jim Hinds has 9 boys out for the Varsity team as well as 2 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for Junior High. He asked that port-a-johns be placed on site when the season begins. Mr. Gilhool has already made those arrangements. He also explained that the storage shed has been broken into and some equipment has been taken. He asked that the wind screens be put in place and that the nets be set. Finally, he discussed the safety concern he has with the church league softball team utilizing the softball field and the fact that many times they hit softballs into the tennis court area creating a very dangerous situation for his players. Mr. Ognosky suggested that the church league be prohibited from utilizing the field this year and will communicate that to the group.

- **Open Forum:** The following items were discussed during the open forum:



Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by *Mike Ognosky*