

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**  
**MEETING DATE AUGUST 17, 2009 8:00 P.M.**

## **Extracurricular Meeting**

**17 AUGUST 2009**

Board Members Present: George Gow, Chris Caterson and Kathy Mordovancey

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

Coaches Present: Jim Hinds (Girls' Tennis), Kevin Kloss (Cross Country), Mary Keihl (Cheerleading), Jack Keihl (Football), John Cherundolo (Girls' Soccer), Dan Lukasavage (Boys' Soccer), Jason Young (Field Hockey) Mike Zuba (Golf). Mike Dooley (Girls' Volleyball) was unable to attend this evening.

Meeting commenced at 8:00 PM

### **Old Business:**

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Fall 2009** – 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.
  - 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.

- No out of season sport will be allowed to utilize a school van for transportation to a sports related activity.
- Coaches be advised that all directions to visiting schools are located on the school website.
- Coaches need to prepare a bus trip seating chart for their team and provide that chart to the drivers.
- Coaches are asked to announce to their athletes that supplemental insurance is available for every athlete for a fee.

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. 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.

Mr. Gilhool then reviewed the concession stand process and the assignments for the operation of the concession stand through the home football season.

### **New Business:**

- **Coaches' Reports** – The head coaches then reviewed the status of their programs:
  - **Girls' Tennis** – Head Coach Jim Hinds reported that he has 11 varsity players at this time. The girls had a very good summer with many competing in the Junior USTA program. His concerns including a timeline for the replacement of the net posts, the placement of a new hasp on the storage shed, and an outstanding bill for the restringing of tennis rackets. Mr. Ognosky explained that the courts are scheduled for resurfacing next summer and the posts will be addressed at that time. He will also ask Mr. Clapper to replace the hasp and turn the shed in order for the storage doors to face the road. Mr. Gilhool will process the restringing bill.
  - **Golf** – Head Coach Mike Zuba reported that he currently has 17 golfers, one of which is a female. His team will be one of the preseason favorites for the championship and he is hoping for a good year. He also asked Mr. Ognosky to convey to the District II Committee his request for additional teams as qualifiers in the district team championships. He thanked the board and administration for their support.
  - **Boys' Soccer** – Head Coach Dan Lukasavage has 26-28 out for the varsity squad and 50 + out for Junior High. He thanked the board for the placing of a fence around the practice field and requested that Mr. Gilhool get sand bags in order to anchor the portable practice goals.
  - **Girls' Soccer** - Head Coach John Cherundolo reported that he has 26 Varsity and Junior Varsity girls. He asked that the custodial staff cut the high grass on the bank over looking the field and clean the area around the kickboard.

- **Cross Country-** Head Coach Kevin Kloss has 26 Varsity and Junior High participants and anticipates more will come out for the team as we return to school. He asked that the custodial staff be made aware of the manhole cover near the administration office. There is some exposed ground and a potential for injury in the area near the cover that needs to be addressed. Mr. Ognosky will inform Mr. Clapper about the situation.
  - **Cheerleading** – Head Coach Mary Keihl currently has 20 cheerleaders on the squad. She also explained that each of the girls has signed a conduct contract for this season addressing expectations for their performance. She also informed the board that the girls have once again qualified to perform in the Outback Bowl in Orlando, Florida on New Years' Day.
  - **Football** – Head Coach Jack Keihl reported that at the present time he has 35 Varsity and 20 Junior High participants as of today's practice. He also has a few candidates completing the physical requirement prior to being allowed to practice.
  - **Field Hockey** – Mr. Ognosky thanked Jason Young for stepping in and assisting the program at this time. The current position will be posted until Friday at which time a Head Coach will be recommended. Jason is looking forward to the challenge of working with the girls in the program.
  - **Volleyball** – In Mr. Dooley's absence, Mr. Gilhool asked that the resurfacing of the main gym floor be scheduled for earlier in August in future years. By doing so, it would enable the team to have the main floor available for the start of the practice season.
- **Open Forum:** Mr. Ognosky informed the group that the District is planning an in-service program for all coaches at all levels on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in the High School Auditorium. Information will be distributed to the head coaches in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by **Mike Ognosky**

Date: August 18, 2009