

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE AUGUST 24, 2010 7 P.M.

Extracurricular Meeting

24 AUGUST 2010

Board Members Present: Kathy Mordovancey, Doug Wilcox, Chris Caterson and Mary Homan.

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

Coaches Present: Jim Hinds (Girls' Tennis), Mary Keihl (Football Cheerleaders), Sue Bennici (Marching Band), Brianna Strobe (Field Hockey), Jack Keihl (Football), Dean Brewer (Cross Country), Mike Zuba (Golf), and Diane Dean (Girls' Volleyball)

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

Old Business:

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Fall 2010** – Mr. Gilhool reviewed the points of emphasis with the coaches. Points that were stressed included:
 - o 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. Mike Zuba related that the Binghamton paper is no longer carrying Pennsylvania school results. Mike Ognosky asked that coaches continue to call in the results to Binghamton and if they reject the results to contact Mr. Gilhool or Mr. Tallarico the next day.
 - o Students are not allowed to play and/or practice without the required physical.
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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.

- o All coaching staffs must remind their athletes not to have any valuables unsecured in the locker room area.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o No out of season sport will be allowed to utilize a school van for transportation to a sports related activity.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o Locker Room cleanout in the boys' locker room at the mid point of the season is scheduled for September 24th.
- o Mr. Gilhool reviewed the rotation for the concession stand work at the home football games. Coaches swapped a few dates with the final dates as follows: 9/3 (Field Hockey, Cross Country, Golf); 9/17 (Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Track); 10/1 (Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Basketball Cheerleaders, Boys Soccer); 10/15 (Boys and Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer); 10/29 (Baseball and Softball).

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' Tennis** – Head Coach Jim Hinds reported that he currently has 11 girls out for the Varsity team. The team opened with a victory in their first league match today and expect to have an excellent chance at making the team district playoffs. A few of the girls attended a Tennis Academy in Texas this

- summer and worked diligently to improve their games. He thanked the board for the new uniforms for the girls. Jim asked that the wooden steps to the courts be repaired and once again asked that the net posts be upgraded.
- **Golf** – Head Coach Mike Zuba reported that he currently has 16 Varsity and 3 Junior High players. He thanked the Montrose Club for their continued cooperation with the program and explained that with a junior membership team members had access to the courts on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the summer. The team has 5 returning starters and is the favorite to repeat as champions in their division. Jordan Smith finished 2nd in the Jackman Tournament held earlier today at Scranton Municipal Golf Course in a field of almost 100. The team finished 4th in the tournament.
 - **Girls Volleyball** – Head Coach Diane Dean reported that she currently has 24 girls out for the Varsity team and is very pleased with the work ethic of her player. On Friday evening she will be conducting an overnight sleepover in the gym as a team building exercise. She asked that the wire on the divider door be adjusted as it is currently hanging down. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the time schedule for the completion of the remaining items in the gym – the bleachers, lighting and padding.
 - **Girls Soccer** – Head Coach John Cherundolo reported that there are currently 28 girls out for the varsity team. He asked that the holes in front of the goal nets be filled in as they are getting deep enough to potentially be an injury concern. Also, he asked that the board consider placing a heightened fence around the entire field and not just in the goal areas as is currently present.
 - **Boys Soccer** – Head Coach Dan Lukasavage reported that he had 35 candidates out for the varsity team. He asked that stone be added near the entrance way to the practice field in order to address the current wet drainage area. He also asked that the grass be cut lower and maintained at that high throughout the season.
 - **Cross Country** – Head Coach Dean Brewer reported that he had 20 varsity candidates and 9 junior high candidates and is expecting more as school opens tomorrow. He reminded everyone that the Meteor Invitational is scheduled for September 11th and asked that the course be maintained and prepared for that event.
 - **Football** – Head Coach Jack Keihl has 24 varsity and 35 junior high candidates out for the team. He has 16-18 boys playing regularly at the varsity level. The first scrimmage with Wyalusing went well last Saturday and there is a home scrimmage this Friday at 4 p.m. versus Troy. He asked that the practice field be reworked for next year and also cautioned that it is time to provide attention to the stadium field due to its heavy use in the fall.
 - **Field Hockey** – Head Coach Brianna Strobe has 19 Varsity and 13 Junior High candidates. She asked that the field be cut lower to ensure better play and that there are a few low spots that need to be addressed. She also asked that consideration be given for a home night field hockey game at the stadium in October versus Elk Lake.

- **Marching Band** – Mrs. Bennici asked that her practice field be cut lower and requested that lines be placed on the field for practice purposes.
- **Football Cheerleaders** – Mrs. Keihl has 18 cheerleaders for football and thanked the board for their support of her program.
- **Open Forum:** The following items were discussed during the open forum:
 - Mr. Tallarico reminded the head coaches that they are responsible for all levels of their program and asked that they keep a steady, open line with his office in order to address all questions and concerns quickly. He also asked for a copy of their team rules for the season.
 - Mr. Ognosky discussed the Elk Lake request for a cooperative agreement in football. Elk Lake is interested in such an agreement and would like to provide that opportunity for its students. Given the right considerations and conditions, our administration and coaching staff would support such an initiative. It will be discussed at an upcoming work session by the Board.
 - Mr. Keihl asked if the late bus schedule could be altered to allow for additional practice time in the fall. All of the coaches present, with the exception of Girls Soccer, were in favor of the request. The late buses will run at 6 p.m. on Monday through Thursday nights during the month of September. On Friday evenings they will leave at 5:30. At the end of September, the departure schedule will be reevaluated for the remainder of the fall sports season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by ***Mike Ognosky***