

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE MARCH 9, 2010 7:30 P.M.

Extracurricular Meeting

9 March 2010

Board Members Present: Kathy Mordovancey

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

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

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

Old Business:

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Spring 2010** – 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.

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 -
 - **Boys' Tennis** – Head Coach Jim Hinds reported that he currently has 14 boys out for the Varsity team. He commented on how hard the group has worked during the off season and is hoping for an improved record over last year. He currently has 2 boys ranked in the top 20 United States Tennis Association age group for this region. He complimented the Bible Conference as an alternate weather practice site and will be holding a practice indoor in Binghamton next week in order to determine the initial seeding of players on his team. He asked that the net pipes be changed and Mr. Gilhool commented that it is being planned for the summer.
 - **Track** – Head Coach Sean Castellani reported that he currently has in the mid-30's out for Boys' Varsity and mid 50's for Girls Varsity. He is looking for a very competitive year and has a number of district qualifiers back from last year. He asked that Mr. Clapper utilize track patch in a few minor locations in the track and jumping areas as well as requesting additional storage space for his hurdles in the track area. Finally, Mr. Gilhool clarified an issue regarding the availability of the weight room after school for his throwers. Current sports season athletes will have priority in the utilization of that room during the practice time of their seasons.

- **Baseball** – Head Coach Todd Legg reported that he currently has 30 boys out for Varsity and Junior Varsity and an additional 18 out for Junior High. He thanked the board for the work that has been done on the baseball field as well as the drainage line that runs along the bottom of the bank near the field. From early observation in the fall it appears to be a tremendous improvement. He also commented that he has inspected the dugouts and they look in great shape. The team will open their season in Octarora in Lancaster County in what has become an annual southern weekend trip to get in some good practice on fields that are prepared. He also asked that his Assistant coaches be given a key to the coach's office (Mr. Gilhool will take care of this) and asked that we post for a paid scorekeeper position. Both Mr. Ognosky and Mr. Gilhool felt this was an excellent request for both the baseball and softball teams.
- **Softball** – Head Coach Melanie Lasher reported that there are currently 13 girls on the Varsity team and an additional 22 girls on the Junior High team. She thanked Miss Forys for assisting her in reviewing the available equipment for the current year – she commented that Kim has been very helpful in this transition. She requested, given the numbers, that Mr. Gilhool cancel the current Junior Varsity schedule for the upcoming season. Finally, she asked that Steve Hinds be allowed to volunteer as a pitching coach. Mr. Ognosky reminded the coaches present that all volunteers working in their programs must have the appropriate clearances.

- **Open Forum:** There were no additional items at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by *Mike Ognosky*