

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE MARCH 16, 2009 8:00 P.M.

Extracurricular Meeting

16 MARCH 2009

Board Members Present: Mary Homan, Gloria Smith and Kathy Mordovancey

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

Coaches Present: Kim Forys (Softball), Todd Legg (Baseball), Sean Castellani (Track) and Jim Hinds (Boys' Tennis)

Meeting commenced at 8:00 PM

Old Business:

- **Points of Emphasis for Coaching Staff for Spring 2009** – Mr. Gilhool reviewed the points of emphasis with the coaches. Points that were stressed included #5 (Return from Injury). Coaches were reminded that an athlete is not allowed to resume practice following injury unless released by the original doctor. Mr. Gilhool also emphasized Point #3 and the reporting of all results to both the Scranton and Binghamton newspapers. He also explained that in accordance with Point #9 all evaluations will be done by Mr. Tallarico and himself and head coaches should be prepared to make any recommendations regarding the retention of staff at that evaluation conference. It was also emphasized in Point #21 that no Sunday activities would be permitted without the prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools. Finally, in Point #27 Mr. Gilhool emphasized that all coaches must have a bus trip seating chart in accordance with state statute.

New Business:

- **Coaches' Reports** – The head coaches then reviewed the status of their programs:
 - **Baseball** – Head Coach Todd Legg reported that he currently has 16 members of the Junior High team and 3 members at the Junior Varsity and Varsity level meaning that for the first time in years there will be enough to have separate junior varsity and varsity scheduled games on the same day. Coach Legg also welcomed two new additions to his staff: Dan Myers (Junior High) and Ryan Soden (Assistant Varsity and Head Junior Varsity). He

- thanked the board for allowing the winter clinic as a senior project for one of his players as well as the utilization and availability of school vans for his recent scrimmage in Lancaster County. Additionally, he praised the work that has been done on the infield of the baseball diamond and the new fence that has been installed in left field. Finally, he asked that consideration be given for a “cool down” rule that prohibits parents from discussing a conflict for at least the first 24 hours after the completion of a contest. He also asked that consideration be given to moving the late buses back to 6 p.m. to coincide with the beginning of daylight savings time.
- **Softball** – Head Coach Kim Forsys reported that there were 23 players on the Junior Varsity and Varsity squads and an additional 16 at the Junior High level. She thanked the board for allowing Brittany Bartok to complete her senior project with a winter softball clinic in the gym and reported that the team will be leaving for a five day trip to Florida this Wednesday. She asked that the softball field be revisited as it holds moisture and drains poorly resulting in muddy conditions. Also, she asked that the new dugouts be reviewed as she noticed concerns ranging from a crack in the block to lack of storage space to lack of benches. Mr. Gilhool will address these concerns with the maintenance staff.
 - **Track and Field** – Head Coach Sean Castellani reported that he currently has 35 candidates for the Junior High team and 53 Varsity girls and 33 Varsity boys, for a total of 86 varsity players. He reported that the track is in excellent condition, but asked that an upgrade be considered in the storage facilities for the mats and other track equipment as the storage areas under the visiting bleachers are deteriorating. He also asked that the long jump boards be repaired as they are currently very slick. Mr. Gilhool will address this with the maintenance staff. Finally, he asked that additional sand be provided in the landing area of the pole vault and that the screen be set up in the discuss launch area.
 - **Boys’ Tennis** - Head Coach Jim Hinds reported that he currently has 11 Varsity and 2 Junior High members of the Boys’ Tennis team. He updated the board on the activities of the Susquehanna County Tennis Association and the efforts to provide year round training for potential tennis players. He also asked that over the summer the tennis net poles be addressed as they are currently in need of repair. Again, Mr. Gilhool will address this with the maintenance staff. He also asked that he administration monitor the support given to the team by members of the staff. He reported that he has had discussions with individuals that indicate that Tennis is considered a second level sport. Students need to be encouraged for their efforts no matter the sport.

- **Open Forum:** There were no items discussed in this portion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by **Mike Ognosky**

Date: March 6, 2009