

Minutes from the August 18th 2014 Athletics and Activities Report

The Athletics and Activity committee meet on Aug 18th 2014, District Office

Roll Call:

Board Members: Bruce Handcock, Julie Neal, Maryellen Sheehan, Andrea Abruzzo

Citizen Advisors: Cindy Banducci, Diane Cerminara, Bernie Banas

Administrators: Dan Surfass, Jason Reifsnyder

Community Members: Terry Singer, Megan Hulse

Athletic Director Updates:

3.1 Athletic Philosophy

Discussion included where we are at in creating a Athletics Philosophy and Guiding Principles.

Dan Surfass met with coaches on Aug 14th to gather input and has collected surveys from exiting senior graduates and their parents. Next step will be to meet with students in September and to seek parent and community for feed back. We will gather this information and provided it to the next AD so they can finalize and present the final product.

3.2/ 3.3 Fall Athletic Enrollment

We also discussed the decline in numbers for Jr. High Varsity Football Team. There was not enough interest so those players of this age group who meet the weight requirement can play with HYFA and the 9th grade boys will be joining the Jr. Varsity team.

Jr Varsity Field Hockey Team has also experienced a lower turn out. Board Member Handcock express that this was a concern presented last year with the introduction of girls soccer.

Citizen Advisor Diane Cerminera suggested focusing on the development of younger girls instead of leaning towards the approach of developing more specialized players.

3.4 ACT 82

We will seek direction from the new AD when that position is filled for guidance on how to increase participation and interest in the future.

Booster Clubs are on target for meeting the requirements for the Act 82 reporting and all clubs will have their reports turned in by the Oct 18th deadline.

Jason Reihmen updated us on the voluntary drug testing policy.

4. Voluntary Drug Testing

The Policy Committee has created a draft for a Voluntary Drug Testing and the policy it is currently up for public review. The policy was presented to the full board in June. The full board will be voting on it in September. Now is the critical time for the community and board to review the policy and give feed back before its voted on.

