

Lehigh Area School District
Lehigh, Pennsylvania
Athletic Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 11 2018 at 5:45pm

Present: Kyle Spotts, Steve Holland, Wayne Wentz

Public Attendees: Gail Maholick, David Bradley

Recording Secretary: Nancy Koch

Old Business: It has been awhile since the last committee meeting was held. No Old Business was discussed.

Spring Sports – Weather has not cooperated but we are doing the best we can. Our fields have held up extremely well and kudos to the grounds personnel. If we get a stretch of inclement weather we may need to look at playing doubleheaders on Saturdays or possible Sunday (late afternoon/evening games). Conditioner was preordered and mixed with the infield mix. This made a huge difference in the prep of the softball and baseball infields. Games were played at Lehigh when others in the area couldn't be played.

Middle School Athletic Banners – Discussion took place in regard to whether or not the school should hang banners in the Middle School Gym for Middle School/Junior Team Championships, which don't exist. There isn't anything in the current policy in regard to the Middle School. There aren't any play offs at the Middle School level and Mr. Spotts' opinion is it isn't all about winning at the Middle School level but more about teaching the game. The Middle School Principal agrees with Mr. Spotts on this. Mrs. Evans would like to hang more school pride banners. The question has come up because one has already been purchased by a parents group and was approved by the coach. The banner sends mixed messages. The question remained what to do with the newly purchased banner. It was agreed to find a temporary one year spot, hang it with the banners already hanging and swap them out as new ones are purchased by Mrs. Evans. Mr. Spotts will also talk with the coaches in regard to this matter and suggest better options, perhaps t-shirts, travel bags.

Security Concerns at Sporting Events - The topic was brought up whether or not we want to implement any additional security measures at sporting events? We haven't had any major issues, however to take preventative measures moving forward we may want to look at eliminating backpacks at games and/or other options. Mr. Spotts will send a survey to District XI schools to see what they have in place and present options at the next committee meeting.

Stadium Access – New gate currently being installed. Detailed discussion took place at the Building and Grounds Meeting. It will be programmed in the near future. The exact open and lock time is to be determined and communicated to the public when it will be accessible to them. Decision on accessible times will be made by the entire board.

Winter Head Coaches – Winter Head Coaches will be presented to the School Board for approval at upcoming Board Meeting. Floyd Brown – Wrestling, Trevor Miller – Boys Basketball, Joseph Berezwick – Girls Basketball

Athletics/Building Grounds – Annual gym floor reconditioning update: Three quotes have been obtained from companies that all do floor reconditioning for a living. Request was made to contact local companies. Mr. Spotts will contact them once that contact info is provided by Ms. Beers.

Turf Maintenance Update: “Go Sports Turf Co.” will come in every other year to go over the turf field starting July 2018.

Schuylkill League Update – Mr. Spotts and six Lehighton students, two from each Winter sport, attended a Leadership Conference at Penn State Schuylkill Campus where they learned how to handle adversity and heard from multiple speakers. All that attended enjoyed the experience.

District XI Update – no news

New Business – Steve Holland wanted to personally acknowledge how good the fields look and give the ground crew credit for keeping “on their toes”. Mr. Spotts stated that Jim Thorpe came here to play one of their games on our fields because they couldn't get on their own!

Mr. Bradley posed the question to Mr. Spotts how it is determined how many participants a sport can carry. It is mainly determined by budget costs/uniforms & very few sports that make cuts. Mr. Bradley would like to go in the direction where no cuts are made, but limit cost/coach ratio, perhaps with volunteers or make it as a club. Wants to offer it to every

kid. He is requesting to see numbers on only on sports we make cuts. Mr. Spotts stated the complications that could come into play with parent complaints regarding limited playing time and safety concerns in sports such as football.

Mr. Bradley also addressed his concern over the stadium gate being locked and limiting hours the public would have access to the stadium and use of the equipment. He felt our liability insurance coverage should be investigated further and the public should be trained on the equipment so everyone has access to all equipment. He also questioned use of the HS gym and weight room, but Mr. Spotts addressed the issue of clearances with students in the building.

Adjourn – Wayne Wentz made the motion to adjourn with a second from Steve Holland. The meeting adjourned at 6:38.

Next meeting to be scheduled: Wednesday, May 9th at 5:45pm