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Manheim Central School District Activities Committee Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023

In attendance: Mr. Marc Schaffer, Dr. Amy Flannery, Mr. Andy Sensenig, Mr. Josh Weitzel, Mr. Justin Barbush, Dr. Ryan Axe, Mr. Matt Linder, Mr. Connor Sheehan, Dr. Krystle Nemeth, Mrs. Pamela Watts

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Mr. Schaffer.

1. Mr. Schaffer welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided athletic and activity updates from the winter season and start of spring season.
 1. Mr. Schaffer commented on the success of the musical and informed the committee that Baron Stage is working to secure the rights to “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” for the Fall play and “The Sound of Music” for the spring musical.
2. Golf Booster Club
 1. Coach Connor Sheehan requested for the approval of a Golf Booster Club and informed the committee that the purpose of the booster club is to financially support the program to offset costs not provided by the school associated with the sport, such as meals after matches, tournament fees, and equipment. Coach Sheehan indicated that the roster size has grown from six to twenty student-athletes and is anticipating sixteen on next year’s team and the funds will support the student-athletes.
 2. Mr. Schaffer informed the committee that the process of adding a booster club is outlined in the district’s School-Affiliated Organization (SAO) Handbook. Booster club officers have been identified and by-laws will be done in time for the start of the season.
 3. The committee supported moving forward with this request and Mr. Sensenig will recommend this booster club for school board approval during the April meeting.



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3. Expanding Clubs for Middle School Learners

1. Dr. Nemeth expressed the need to expand club options at the middle school, as there are currently no interscholastic athletic opportunities for fifth and sixth grade learners and minimal activity options after school. There is currently interest in starting a Ski Club at the Middle School.
2. Dr. Nemeth and middle school administration will survey their learners to determine interest in specific clubs and share results with the committee at a future meeting.

4. Expanding Athletic Opportunities/Programs

1. Mr. Schaffer informed the committee that administration would like to add Unified Track & Field and Middle School Girls Volleyball as school-sponsored programs.
2. Mr. Schaffer and Mrs. Watts provided a presentation on Unified Track & Field through Special Olympics. Special Olympics provides funding for equipment, uniforms coaching stipends, and coaching training. School costs would include transportation, officials, and support staff as needed. Rosters consist of a proportional number of Special Olympics-eligible athletes and students without intellectual or developmental disabilities, as defined by Special Olympics. Rosters must consist of a minimum 40% Special Olympics-eligible athletes and 40% of students without a disability (who are not participating in a PIAA sport that season), with the other 20% consisting of either of these groups. Each student picks one track and one field event. Mrs. Watts stated interest amongst several special education learners and noted that several student volunteers in the classes could participate as regular education students.
3. Mr. Schaffer provided a presentation on adding Middle School Girls Volleyball as a school-sponsored sport beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. It is currently club sponsored through the Girls Volleyball SAO. Roster numbers have been good over recent years. The Lancaster-Lebanon League will be sponsoring Middle School Girls Volleyball as of the 2024-2025 school year as well. Costs associated with adding the program include coaching stipends, transportation, officials, game help, and uniforms.
4. The committee supported moving forward with this request and Mr. Sensenig will recommend adding Unified Track & Field for the 2023-24 school year and Middle School Girls Volleyball for the 2024-25 school year for school board approval during the April meeting.



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5. Follow-up from Previous Meeting

1. Baron Code

- i. Mr. Schaffer stated that administration has reviewed the legal recommendations from the solicitor and provided an overview of some of the updates. Mr. Schaffer informed the committee that head coaches were involved in the review process. A clean copy with all changes will be presented to the full school board at a later date for approval.

2. Digital Sponsorship Opportunities

- i. Mr. Schaffer presented on sponsorship opportunities and provided specific sponsorship examples, such as website, ticketing, livestream, and social media sponsorships. Mr. Schaffer noted that these sponsorships would not take money from individual sports funds and could be used to off-set budgetary costs or as one solution to off-set the potential loss of income if the School Board approved free athletic admission for MCHS students in grades 9-12. Next steps include working with legal to review School Board Policy 913.1 and look at creating an additional policy as 913.2 to permit for such sponsorships.

3. Athletic/Activity Admission

- i. Mr. Schaffer mentioned that the district would need to look at offsetting costs from free admission for grades 9-12. Administration discussed offering different promotions and opportunities for complimentary admission at certain athletic events as a solution in the interim.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.