



Athletics

Track and Field CO-OP Agreement with Lancaster Mennonite

Background

- For the last two years, Pequea Valley Athletics has been looking into options for Pequea Valley learners to participate in track and field during the spring sports season. Last year, we held an independent T&F program for 5 XC athletes and 1 middle school XC athlete.

What is a CO-OP Agreement?

- A PIAA-approved agreement between two schools allows the participation of student-athletes from each school to participate in a specific sport together as one team.
- The agreement would allow the host school to be the home team in all home sporting events. (EX: Lancaster Mennonite)
- We will be using their school name, their jerseys, and their facilities.

GOALS

- Provide another education-based athletic opportunity for our learners to participate in.
- Provide our junior high learners with a school-sponsored sport during the spring season. (currently, there are not any)
- Help improve numbers and interest in our cross-country program in the fall.
- Opportunity for off-season athletes to work on speed training and conditioning.

Concerns

- Transportation from Pequea Valley to LMH
- Possibility of losing a few current spring athletes
- Parent pick-up from LMH
- Timeline: Approved by Dec 1, 2023

Benefits of Partnering with Lancaster Mennonite

- Lots of opportunities for our learners to compete and excel.
- Lancaster Mennonite numbers are very low and could use more athletes to complete their track team.
- Lancaster Mennonite just renovated their track.
- Lancaster Mennonite agreed for us to use their track last season when we performed in track and field from an individual standpoint only.

Track and Field Interest Survey Results From Last School Year 2022-2023:

Are you interested in participating in track and field? (150 responses)

- Yes-28 %
- Maybe-38 %
- No-34 %

Results from those definitely or maybe interested in T&F (99 Learners)

Are you planning to play a spring sport THIS year?

- Yes, Baseball (7)
- Yes, Softball (12)
- Yes, Boys Tennis (5)
- No (75)

Did you play a sport last year?

- Yes, Baseball (5)
- Yes, Softball (8)
- Yes, Boys Tennis (5)
- No (81)