

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



## **Extracurricular and Curriculum Committee Meeting November 11, 2021 6:00PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 5:58PM.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

Dave Frew, JT Herber, Dave Lukasewicz, Amanda Daubert, Genavieve Moyer, Randy Stump, Sascha Primeau

Also Present: Heath Renninger, Scott Dimon, Mike Janicelli, Frank Gaffney, Vince Hoover, Melissa Mekosh, Marvin Weber.

3. **EXTRACURRICULAR**

Coaching Matrix

- Superintendent Renninger provided an overview of the historical information of coaching positions and value of each sport. For example, football is a 3.75 value, which can be split among multiple coaching positions.
- Most values have remained the same since it was pulled out of the teacher contract. Added golf coach and eliminated strength and conditioning coach.
- There may be a need to make some adjustments based on sport enrollment
- Dave Frew gave historical context that the District was in a different financial position at the time in order to maintain the sports.
- Scott Dimon mentioned that the formula that is used is roughly 25 years old and has not been touched since then.
- The current matrix could be adjusted or scrapped altogether.
- Currently, the positions need to be split evenly. This could also be looked at.
- Superintendent Renninger suggested pulling together a committee.
- JT Herber suggested that we look at other area districts' formulas.
- JT Herber suggested that we also look at enrollment numbers for sports.
- Gena Moyer agreed that the longevity bonus also be adjusted.
- Equity across sports should also be considered.
- Sascha Primeau also suggested the length of sport and general number of hours be considered.
- The question on whether off-season should be considered or not in valuation of positions.
- Scott Dimon will supply a report potential options for a January meeting

Junior High

- Superintendent Renninger shared that Scott and Mike will share some numbers related to junior high football.
- Mike Janicelli reminded the committee that as part of changing leagues we are playing bigger schools in the region. At this time, the idea of potentially adding junior high football eventually to support the senior high program.
- Scott Dimon gave an overview of districts that offer junior high football and the cost of the program.
- We are looking at Middle School Football as opposed to Junior High Football.
- The program would be able to provide a trainer that Youth Sports would not be able to offer. Safety is a big concern.
- This would also provide accountability through eligibility. Playing athletics provides an incentive for

academics and for behavior.

- Middle School Cheerleading could also be added as well. Pep Band or Chorus could also be nice additions.
- Safety is the number one issue. It also provides a feeder program for the senior high program.
- Heath asks the board to consider adding this to the board agenda next week.
- Principal Mekosh mentioned that Middle School sports provides students that they are part of the family and a sense of belonging.
- Gena Moyer mentioned a program like this also has a mental health component.
- A motion will be added to the board agenda to be voted on next week. One for football and one for cheerleading.

#### Junior High Soccer

- JT Herber mentioned that Junior High Soccer would also be a nice addition for similar reasons. Both programs are exploding. About 20 students in both girls and boys' youth soccer.
- Reasons such as safety and cohesion. The price may be similar for adding a program for both girls and boys.
- Scott Dimon voiced support putting teams under the school's umbrella.
- Field availability may be an issue.
- Scott Dimon will bring additional information on junior high soccer to make sure there are teams to play.

#### Other Discussion

## 4. CURRICULUM

#### Elementary Update

- Vince reviewed elementary assessment data as well as implementation of new special education resource, Read Well.

#### Middle School Update

- Vince reviewed middle school assessment data as well as implementation of new learning loss resource, Exact Path.

#### High School Update

- Vince reviewed high school assessment data.
- Vince reviewed implications of Act 158 related to Graduation requirements.
- Vince reviewed Act 7 suggesting the need for CPR to be added to high school health.
- Vince highlighted the business, industrial arts, and tech ed will be looked at during this school year.
- Gena suggested need for an additional business teacher in order to help students connect the dots from interests to career.
- Discussion occurred of what truly is the role of schools as well as the expanded role of school in our community.
- Discussion over adding another pre-school classroom as well as additional elementary supports.
- The new ARP ESSER Set Aside Grant was discussed, which includes funds for social and emotional learning and mental health staffing.
- Vince presented Curriculum Portal, which will eventually public facing site of all curriculum maps.
- Vince review Cardinal Virtual Campus enrollment numbers and potential suggestions for future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.