

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 27 2007 7:00 P.M.**

**Extracurricular Meeting**

**27 NOVEMBER 2007**

Board Members Present: Mary Homan, Julie Humphrey, Gloria Smith and Kathy Mordovancey

Administration Present: Mike Ognosky and Joe Gilhool (Athletic Director)

Coaches Present: Bob Thorne, Dean Brewer, Lloyd Sheldon, Phil Crisp (all Wrestling), Todd Smith (Boys' Basketball) and John Cherundolo (Girls' Basketball).

Visitors Present: Bill Host and Doug Wilcox

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

**Old Business:**

- **Varsity Club Jackets** - Mr. Gilhool informed the Board members present that he just cut a check for \$9,500 for Varsity Club Jackets for members of the Fall Sports teams who received their first varsity letter or have participated in the same sport at the Junior Varsity and/or Varsity level for the second consecutive year – there were 53 eligible students who will be receiving their jackets. A discussion ensued regarding the guidelines in place for receiving a varsity jacket and Mr. Ognosky explained that the board reviews those guidelines every year as this is a budget item and they will do so again this year during budget time.

**New Business:**

- **Athletic Director's points of emphasis** – Mr. Gilhool reviewed the points of emphasis for the coaches and board members present as follows:
  - There will be two pay periods – the first on December 28<sup>th</sup> and the second at the completion of the season and all of the required paperwork.
  - Coaches were reminded to call in their scores to the Binghamton and Scranton newspapers and to provide updated information on the athletic section of the web page.

- Coaches were reminded that players are not allowed to practice until all physicals and paperwork are complete and turned in.
  - Mr. Gilhool explained the clearance from an injury procedure and the fact that a player who is prohibited from playing by a physician needs a release from that physician before resuming activity.
  - It is the Head Coaches responsibility to give all materials distributed from the Athletic Director to his Assistant Coaches. Mr. Gilhool will provide all the materials to the Head Coach.
  - Coaches need to submit their team rules and regulations to the Athletic Director ASAP.
  - All varsity coaches' evaluations will be completed by Mr. Tallarico at the conclusion of the season. Varsity coaches will complete the evaluations of their assistants.
  - All coaches should have a user name and password for access to the internet web page. If you have a problem contact Mr. Gilhool.
  - The current league rules require games to be made up on the next available date. Saturday is an available date, Sunday is not.
  - When school is cancelled due to weather, practice or a game may take place only with administrative approval.
  - Students will be in school by 10 A.M. in order to compete or practice on that day.
  - Mr. Gilhool informed the coaches that the trainer will supply all injury report forms to the nurse for all practices and home events. Coaches have that responsibility for away games.
  - All Coaches should tell their students not to have any valuable items left in the locker room during games or practices and should have a procedure in place in order to secure those items.
  - All Junior High athletes need to be out of the locker rooms by 5:10 p.m. on the night of home athletic events.
  - Junior High coaches need to be especially mindful of communicating to their athletes all information regarding practice and game schedules.
  - Contact hours for the A.D. are from 11:15-3:20, all other times are class time and he is not to be disturbed. Coaches who need announcements at that time should call the main office at 278-6224, or 278-6226.
  - The Athletic Director will need a list of students eligible for Varsity Club jackets as soon as that information is available to the coach.
  - There will be no Sunday activities unless approved by the Superintendent.
  - Vans should be reserved at least two days in advance of the scheduled date of the event.
  - Supervision in locker rooms is an essential and required part of the responsibility of every coaching staff.
- **Coaches' Open Forum** – The following items were discussed during the coaches' open forum:

- All of the coaches expressed a concern regarding the lack of student participation in the winter sports' season. Much discussion was held regarding the development of elementary level programs to support the varsity programs. In that discussion, there was a concern on the part of the coaches regarding the competitive emphasis in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade programs and the thought that may be hurting the participation of students at a later age. Those 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade programs are "travel" programs that are not school affiliated. Those programs are given the ability to utilize the facilities at the school.
- As part of the lack of participation discussion, Mrs. Mordovancey expressed a concern that within the boys' basketball program there was an under current of feeling that preferential treatment was provided for Lathrop Street students versus Choconut Valley students by some of the coaches in the boys' program. She explained that her own son had felt that during his 9<sup>th</sup> grade tryout session for the boys' team. Coach Smith explained that he had never made any decisions based on the elementary school history of a student and would certainly address Mrs. Mordovancey's concern with his staff.
- All of the coaches reviewed the current status of the participation in their programs for this year. Boys' and Girls' Basketball both had 19 players to fill the Junior Varsity and Varsity programs while Wrestling's participation is a bit lower than that. With the addition of weight classes in the match, wrestling will have a difficult time filling all of the classes. Participation at the junior high level in all three sports has not required the cutting of any players as of the date of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by *Mike Ognosky*

Date: November 27, 2007