

Inter-Lakes Athletic Committee
Meeting: 3/10/09 6:30 to 7:45 pm

Attendance: Bill Irwin, Patti Kennelly, Everett Bennett, Carrie Roberge, Bill West, Tom Allen

Meeting Discussion:

1. Update on Inter-Lakers Middle Tier Athletic Awards:
 - a. Everett will implement the new Athletic Awards for the Middle-Tier for the Spring Season's Athletic Teams.
 - b. The current draft of the awards outlined three awards that were discussed and updated at the last meeting.
 - i. The Principal's Athletic/Academic Dedication Award will be presented by Everett to the one athlete/manager that displays outstanding dedication to his/her sport and academic endeavors and the individual nominated must meet the listed criteria.
 - ii. There was continued discussion about combining the two awards listed for Sportsmanship and Teamwork into one award and also add in the criteria for maintaining a good academic record. This award is to be given out by each individual team coach. Everett to update the Inter-Lakes Middle Tier Awards handout being discussed to combine these two and update the criteria to reflect this adjustment.

2. Update from Patti Kennelly:
 - a. High School Athletic Awards – Patti Kennelly indicated that the Principal's Sportsmanship Award and Academic Awards description and criteria still need to be updated based on our meeting discussion from the December 1st meeting, she will have those updated and post the updated version on the school's website shortly in replacement of the copies currently out on the website. These changes will reflect and reinforce the "Core Values" and also incorporate the Athletic Coaches input/feedback as part of the decision process.
 - b. There are on-going concerns with the attendance policy in the Student Athlete Contract. This section of the policy was changed during the summer in 2008 and these changes were in hopes of increasing commitment by athletes and families to the programs and as currently worded and enforced may not be meeting those needs. Patti and Anne will review the policy and potentially update for the 2009/2010 school year to help contribute to the goal of rewarding the commitment of the athletic program participants.

3. Future direction of this athletic committee:
 - a. Establish guidelines and role of the "Inter-Lakes Athletic Advisory Board" – see handout from presentation to school board in November as starting point.

- b. Decisions ultimately reside with the school administrators, this board to provide advice and feedback from varied perspectives.
 - c. Everett to outline a meeting schedule for the 2009-2010 school year with meetings to be held either monthly or approximately every 6 weeks.
 - d. Composition of the committee should be 3 coaches to represent all grades 7-12, the 3 school administrators and at least 3 parents and 1 to 2 community members that can commit to participating for at least one full school year.
 - e. Ideas for meetings would be to include a public input portion to the meeting and also at least seasonally invite student athletes to come to discuss current topics and gather their valuable input and feedback on specific issues being identified or added to the agenda.
 - f. How do we encourage others to participate?
 - i. Everett will draft a letter to parents, coaches and community members that will be reviewed at the next Athletic Committee meeting that could be potentially mailed out or submitted to local newspapers outlining the new direction to transition this committee over to an Inter-Lakes Athletic Advisory Board, outline the goals of this board to improve the athletic experiences and programs, outline the board's composition and its role and responsibilities, meeting dates for next school year and also include a form to be completed by the interested individuals to submit to Everett Bennett.
4. Mentoring Program:
- a. Bill Irwin had spoken to the Gilford Athletic Director and shared some items that are being done in that school district to help mentor their athletic coaches.
 - b. Some items to consider in establishing a mentoring program for the Inter-Lakes High School and Middle-Tier:
 - i. Establish who is to do the mentoring and what their responsibilities are and qualification needed for filling this position – job description to be developed at the next Athletic Committee meeting
 - 1. Potentially have two mentors, one for the JH programs and one for the High School.
 - ii. Identify who needs mentoring – it could be all 1st and 2nd year coaches and coaches requesting additional guidance and resources for specific aspects of coaching

Reminder: Monday, March 16th is the Inter-Lakes Booster's Club Meeting to be held at 7pm at The Mug Restaurant in Center Harbor for all individuals interested in helping reestablish the Booster's Club for the Inter-Lakes School District.

Next Athletic Committee Meeting – Monday, April 6th, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the ILHS Library