

Inter-Lakes Athletic Committee

Meeting: 10/20/08 7:15 to 9:15 pm

Attendance: Bill Irwin, Patti Kennelly, Everett Bennett, Tom Allen, Bill West, Jim Durkee, Anne Galligan, Dan Baggaley, Carrie Roberge, Patte Morrow, Steve Kelley, Jack Carty

Discussion:

1. Update – on September 19th, Patti Kennelly, Everett Bennett, Anne Galligan and Bill Irwin met with Phil McCormack to review the work of the Athletic committee and discuss the recommendations.
 - a. Subsequent to that meeting the administrators met to develop a plan to address the recommendations.
 - b. Everett prepared and discussed with the committee the first “draft” of a two – page summary/grid that listed each of the recommendations, provided action items or questions in regards to addressing the recommendation at the middle-tier level, at the high school level and then listed if the item required any school board action or not.
 - c. Everett will update this document with changes made in discussions with Phil and Patti along with any items identified in tonight’s meeting and then will provide the updated document to the committee.

2. Student Athletic Contract – attendance policy for High School athletes
 - a. The concern of several parents was discussed in regards to the attendance policy of practices/games. With some sports having regular season games and/or tournament games held during school vacation times, families are concerned with balancing the commitment to a sports program with respect of their family time. NHIAA has scheduled some tournaments during school vacations that the school administration has no control over.
 - i. The current attendance policy for high school athletes is written that “Realizing there may be extenuating circumstances; a student may request excused absences by a prior request, before the season begins in writing from the parent/guardian to the coach. The coach will review with the Athletic Director and Principal, which will then make a decision.” In addition, the Student Athlete Contract outlines the potential consequences of having unexcused absences.
 - ii. Parents and athletes are encouraged to submit written requests for circumstances that would cause a student athlete to miss games and/or practices.
 - iii. Anne and Patti will meet to discuss the attendance policy and potential consequences of unexcused absences with the coaches to get feedback on this, along with discussing this with some student athletes.

3. Future of the Athletic Committee
 - a. The administration is in general agreement with the concept of the recommended Athletic Advisory Board and feels that more work needs to be done to define the role, responsibilities and composition.
 - i. Everett has agreed to take the lead administrator role to facilitate this Athletic Advisory Board. Once the role and other details are worked out he will schedule a meeting in approximately four to six weeks. At which time, an updated for the school board of the work of the Athletic Committee and its recommendations will discussed and scheduled.