

Inter - Lakes Athletic Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2014

Meeting start: 7:01pm

Present: Jeff Cloos
Rob Stephens
Mike Rathgeber
Melissa Sullivan
RJ Sullivan
Kim Durand
Jim Durkee
Bob Giroux
Tom Allen
Everette Bennett
Buddy Greene
Jackie Taylor

Old Business:

a. Drivers Ed: update: Driver's Ed is unrelated to the school. Therefore, the school no longer can put in requests for time frame of Driver's Ed offered to avoid conflicts with sports schedules. There are a few different companies in the area offering Driver's Ed; one of them offers Sunday classes.

b. Holiday Practice Schedule: discussions continued about the holiday practice schedules for JV & Varsity basketball.

Topics discussed:

- (1) Not hold practices the day before & the day after a holiday.
- (2) Expectations for the coaches following the schedule needs to be the same as for the players following the schedule.
- (3) JV holiday practice canceled day before causing monetary loss for some parents (travel plans)
- (4) Strive for a more consistent practice schedule week to week
- (5) Freshman parents need to be aware of the basketball schedule before signing the athlete up
- (6) programs that are upfront, honest, and consistent have less parent resistance

Decisions made:

- (1) keep varsity basketball practice day before and day after Thanksgiving

Actions needed:

- (1) Mike Wrath will look into the reason the JV Thanksgiving practice was canceled last minute

(2) Jeff Cloos will email parents a list of dates the parents need to be aware of for the sport

New Business:

a. Website Concerns: The link on the Inter Lakes Athletics page to the Athletic Committee is not working. When the link was working, it was noted that the information was out dated, ie: AD Director's name, board members, meeting times and locations.

Decisions made:

(1) update page information & fix link

Actions needed:

(1) Jeff Cloos will look into this.

b. Freshman Parent Orientation: Should coaches attend the Freshman Orientation night and specifically explain the schedule commitment the players?

Topics discussed:

- (1) share expectations of coaches
- (2) information is given to parents at the parent meeting specific to the sport
- (3) parents need the level of commitment information before signing the athlete up

Decisions made: none

Actions needed: none at this time

c. 6th Graders Playing With the 7th & 8th Grade Teams: when are 6th graders allowed to play up? When is any athlete allowed to play up a level?

Topics discussed:

- (1) sometimes teams do not have enough numbers
- (2) playing up needs to be looked at on a case by case scenario
- (3) need to look at the child as a whole: emotion development, social development, athletic development
- (4) there is an application process with the NHIAA to play athletes up
- (5) difference between individual sport and team sport - for example, 6th graders can join JH track, cross country ski, and nordik ski
- (6) there is a maximum number of athletes allowed on each team & if the team has enough players, another athlete playing up is not an option

Decisions made:

(1) policy on how to handle playing up is already in place and being followed

Actions needed: none

- d. State of Athletics / Success of Teams: Inter Lakes has a strong youth program—successful teams and players. Is it the same at the the JH and High School level? Last year's 6th grade girls won a tournament. This year they are losing games.

Topics discussed:

- (1) Should parents fill out evaluations? Currently, athletes fill out evaluations of the coach.
- (2) Level of commitment changes from the youth level to the JV & Varsity level.
- (3) Sometimes it is a matter of younger athletes doing very well and when other athletes catch up developmentally, then they are all playing the same way.
- (4) Coaches are evaluated and continual steps are taken to upgrade and or improve.

e. Sports Schedules: (note: this was an overlapping discussion during the Holiday Practice Schedule discussions and was not actually discussed as a separate agenda item) Numerous changes happen weekly to the practice schedule for JH, JV & Varsity which has become very frustrating to many parents. Is there a way to have a consistent basketball schedule with minimal changes?

Topics discussed:

- (1) the last minute notification to parents about the added JV game that day was a one time mistake
- (2) when the boys sign up for JH basketball, it should be known at that time if there is a C team for the JH. Space for practice time needs to be set aside at that time so the other team's practice schedules do not need to be rescheduled.
- (3) Varsity parents are told at the parent meeting to block off 2:30 - 5:30 and 5:30 - 8:30 everyday to allow for schedule changes.
- (4) Things do come up, and the coaches are given an email each week of upcoming changes.
- (5) Parents need to receive more communication in reference to schedule changes.
- (6) Parents need to know where to look for updates and schedule changes
- (7) Each coach should establish a communication line: email, text, phone, or facebook
- (8) The girl's JH team does not have their January schedule yet.

Decisions made:

- (1) the girl's JH team needs to have their schedule right away
- (2) communication between parents and coaches needs to improve

Actions needed:

- (1) Jeff will follow up with the girl's JH schedule
- (2) Jeff will touch base with the coaches right away to ensure coaches are communicating with parents.

Meeting ended: 8:03PM

Respectively Submitted,
Melissa Sullivan
Secretary