

Inter - Lakes Athletic Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2014

Present:

Melissa Sullivan
Patti Kennelly
Allison Duffield
Everett Bennett
Jackie Taylor
Jeff Cloos
Bob Giroux
Tom Allen
Kathleen Hill
Buddy Greene
Kim Durand

Meeting start: 3:31pm

Old Business:

Old Business was not discussed as this was strictly a meeting to review the history, intent, structure, role, and composition of the committee.

Discussion:

The meeting started with Everett explaining the purpose of the meeting. He pointed out that the new people who attend the meeting may or may not know the original work done and the original intent. He passed out several documents; Inter - Lakes Athletic Advisory Board, Mission Statement / Philosophy, letter for seeking out new membership, application for board member form, and Immediate Recommendations for the Inter - Lakes Sports Program (all available on the website).

He stated that the committee can stay as is or the structure could change. He stated that he felt having student athletes on the committee in the past was very valuable.

He asked if anyone had any ideas or thoughts.

<The following is a summary of the discussion around the table>:

Melissa Sullivan suggested keeping the structured meetings, with an agenda, notes, action items, but have public input

Patti Kennelly asked for clarification - like a school board meeting? Melissa responded "yes"

Everett Bennett supported an open safe format to voice opinions.

Patti Kennelly suggested the public input should not be the time to discuss specific people.

Bob Giroux stated that in his opinion and observations, since Jeff has joined the committee, the meetings have not gone backwards; they have taken a forward approach. He asked if athletes could meet during the school day.

Allison Duffield asked if there could be some type of rotation of the athletes on the committee due to their schedules with school, work, and sports.

Bob Giroux stated that the previous board has been great. Future things still need to be done.

Everett Bennett stated that when the committee meets, it should be about making athletics better for the kids.

Jeff Cloos stated the goal was to move forward - the first meetings were about policies, procedures, schedules. Would like to see the group move in a general direction. Individual concerns have a chain of command.

Jackie Taylor asked what is the boards job? What is not our job? For example, the awards ceremony change should have been brought up to the board first, before the email went out.

Tom Allen asked who does the committee serve? The athletes. The athletes need to be involved. This should not be the place to discuss schedules and Thanksgiving practices being canceled

Everett Bennett suggested gathering a pool of 9-10 kids, and then 2 will show up at a meeting.

Patti Kennelly stated that the meetings scheduled should not be during practice times ; kids do not want to miss practice.

Everett Bennett stated that we need to decide what we want to address globally to improve athletics. Perhaps a yearly action plan? To become more of an action group and less of a discussion group.

Ally Duffield stated that she would like the committee to support new sports, like Lacrosse. There is a lot of interest in the sport. The club sports need help with fund raising to be strong enough to become a school sport.

Melissa Sullivan asked if the fund raising monies earned by an athletic group stayed in the athletic department or did it go into a general school fund?

Everett Bennett responded that it stays in the athletic department. He also stated that the committee had fund-raised in the past; track meet. Other monies acquired came from the Booster Club when it disbanded.

Kathleen Hill stated we need to be careful not to look like we support one sport over another.

Delaney Fletcher joined the meeting (7th grade student athlete)

Everett Bennett suggested we help new sports clubs with the process, not the financial aspect.

Jackie Taylor stated that she was under the understanding that only school sports could receive financial help from a school organization.

Melissa Sullivan stated she supported the statement “more action, less discussion”. In reading over the past year’s minutes, there seems to have been a lot of discussion, sometimes repeated, but not a lot of solutions or actions taken. She would like to see the group move forward with established action items, and who was responsible for that item.

Patti Kennelly suggested everyone make a list of concerns and submit it to Jeff, Everett, and herself. The three of them could then make a master list to bring to the next meeting.

Everett Bennett suggested having guidelines of public input - what can and can not be brought up at a meeting.

< a brief discussion about closed, open, and public sections of a meeting >

Jeff Cloos stated that having a meeting that was “middle of the road” was difficult. In his opinion, it needed to be structured or not structured.

Patti Kennelly suggested the committee decides who makes the decisions.

Jeff Cloos stated that coaches needed to attend the committee meetings.

Melissa Sullivan asked if the group could make some decisions today.

Allison Duffield asked if the group could decide today if the people present today could be the core board members.

Everett Bennett suggested Delaney help represent student athletes, but wanted her to have some time to think about it.

<It was decided that the people present would be the core board members. It was also decided to contact Jim Durkee and Patte Morrow, since they normally attend the meetings, to ask them if they want to be board members.>

Everett Bennett suggested we decide on the structure of the meetings.

<Discussion was had, and it was decided the meetings would have a work session and then a session open to the public. The work session was open for the general public to attend, but comments would have to be reserved for the public input part.>

<Discussion was had about how to get the athletes involved.>

Jeff Cloos said he would contact coaches and athletes and ask them to join the committee.

Everett Bennett suggested that at the next meeting, the committee establish rules for public input, establish global issues, and prioritize and start on action plans. Everyone agreed to this.

Meeting ended: 4:33PM

Next meeting: April 14th, 2014 7:00 pm in the high school library

Respectively Submitted,
Melissa Sullivan