

Athletic Advisory meeting - 1-25-16

AD report

Middle Tier Life of an Athlete - get the kids in the program and grow it as they go along

Swimmers qualified for states - Ben Jacques and Matt Sundius

Mid season for basketball and unified

Old business -

A. Hall of Fame update - committee met, reached out to Pete Cofran, other schools, looking to start in October of 2016

B. Update on athlete contract - the school board agenda has on it the rescinding of policy 5131.7. The school board feels strongly that the school should not be involved in kids lives outside the perview of school time/school activities. There needs to be a police report before any action is taken. The committee is in support of this. Feeling was expressed that parents should have to sign the team contract

UPDATE: - the school board di rescind policy 5131.7

Other business

A. Process of hiring and evaluation of coaches

We had talked about this at the committee in the past. The Athletic Advisory board does not have a role in hiring and evaluating coaches. The process that we follow is that whenever there is an opening it is posted, at the conclusion of the posting period, Jeff interviews, does reference checks, recommends for a contract, evaluates coaches and decides on the hiring for the following year.

B. Concussion protocol

Randy sent a letter about potential concussion protocol changes. We follow the concussion protocol very strictly - if anything we get complaints about being too strict on concussions. Dr. Grobman analyses the impact test results because he is trained in doing that. He does not diagnose concussions, he suggests next steps based on his analysis of the impact test. The kids need to be cleared by the impact test, cleared by Seth and cleared by a doctor before they to return to play. The nurse send an email out to teachers to follow the academic concussion protocol.

Soccer kids do practice trapping the ball. "Bring it to the feet" is encouraged. Corner kicks are headers but they are supposed to be softer.

UPDATE: The school board would like the Athletic Advisory committee to research the effects of repeated "heading" of soccer balls on cognitive function. The school board would also like us to research repeated head contact in other sports - e.g. football, lacrosse. The school board would

then like to know if we have any recommendations regarding “heading” the ball or changes to other sports. The school board would also like us to make recommendation to ensure that athletes report head contact.

C. Varsity letter alternative

Jeff is in favor of changing the system, but we do not yet have an alternative. Jeff is thinking of sending a survey. Maybe the Life of an Athlete kids can take this on....

D. Mandatory parent/athlete meeting

Request that the meeting be once in a career. Jeff is not in favor of this - we do have a “once a year” requirement. Families with kids in multiple seasons can group their kids together by bringing spring athletes to the fall meeting (for example.) In addition, Jeff video tapes the meetings.

Next meeting date

a. Monday, March 21st 6:00

Agenda - look at the code of conduct that we developed

Address school board requests