

# **Athletic Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2013**

## **I. Old Business**

a. **Date and location for senior athletic banquet:** The senior athletic banquet was a great success last year with approximately 75 people in attendance. It was held at Hart's. They did not charge us a room fee and gave us a considerable break on the meal price (approximately \$18.00 per plate). There was a discussion of a potential change in venues motivated by the fact that Hart's also caterers the Scholarship Banquet resulting in the same meal being served to many of the same people over a short span of time. Waukegan was discussed as a possible venue. We would have to see if they would waive the room fee, if we would be required to use their caterer, and the cost of meal if we used their caterer. Mikayla O'Neill expressed that the venue was not critical for the function. Jeff Cloos proposed scheduling the event for Sunday, May 5, 2013. The committee was in agreement on the date. Jacki Taylor suggested Giuseppe's as a venue stating the downstairs room should accommodate the event. Jacki will check out Giuseppe's to see if they can accommodate eighty, availability for the date, and price. Patte Morrow will check out Hart's and Waukegan Golf Course.

## **II. New Business**

a. **Athletic Booster Monies (\$2,821.03) – to school account:** Jeff Cloos will be closing the account at MVS. The money will be placed in a Student Activity Account at I-LHS for use consistent with activities the Athletic Booster Club has supported. Patte Morrow suggested that the Athletic Committee support fund raising to sustain money in this account. The upcoming Middle Tier State Track Meet was discussed as an opportunity to raise funds through concessions and T-Shirt sales. It was the consensus of the committee that we would support/participate in this fund raising activity. We will need to discuss the logistics of this fund raising activity at the Athletic Advisory Board meeting in April.

**III. Future of Athletic Advisory Board:** The future of the Athletic Advisory Board was discussed. There was mixed feelings about continuing this group meeting on a regular basis. Everett Bennett stated he thought it was important for vehicles to be maintained for student athletes to have a voice about the athletic programs. Others voiced the opinion that meeting without agenda items of substance was not a good use of time. Jacki Taylor voiced that the Athletic Advisory Board meetings gave parents a venue to discuss important issues in a nonthreatening environment. It was stated that improvements still needed to be made in athletics to improve quality/competitiveness of our teams especially in the Middle Tier. Concerns regarding youth league programs, sixth grade students participating in Middle Tier sports, and middle school football were mentioned. Jacki Taylor questioned why parents and players were not even asked about potential participation in a Christmas Holiday Basketball Tournament for A Boys. Everett Bennett stated he was unaware of it, but his position as a principal was that vacations were reserved for families and activities including practices, games, and tournaments would not be scheduled for I-LMT students. There was discussion on this issue with many members offering mixed opinions on scheduling events over school vacations. Jeff Cloos stated that the high school is moving away from the practice of scheduling athletic commitments over vacations. It

was agreed that the Athletic Advisory Board would continue to meet during the 2013-2014 school year, but the meeting schedule would be limited to two to three meetings. People are encouraged to send agenda items in advance to Mr. Cloos. Everett said he would revisit the possibility of A Teams playing tournaments during school vacations. It would be his intention if a coach was interested in taking a team to a tournament over vacation, the coach would discuss it with the athletic director and principal. Parents would then be polled to see if enough players were interested to be involved in the tournament. Player participation would be strictly voluntary. The next Athletic Advisory Board meeting will be held on April 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Inter-Lakes High School Library.