



New Hope-Solebury School District
Athletics and Student Activities Committee Meeting Minutes
12/8/16, 6:00 PM
High School Library

Attendance

- **School Board** – Sandy Weisbrot (Chair)
- **Administration** – Ernie Rehr
- **Committee Members** – Mel Band, Jill Arslanian, Stacey Mardirossian
- **Presenters** – Tom Bateman, Chris Cortellessa
- **Public** – Shannon Meyers, Allison Campbell, Perry Zimmerman, Kim Hildebrandt, Maryann Gegeckas, Kevin McCollum, Carole Borys, Chris Marchok, John Capriotti, Kathy Feehan, Jennifer Spadavecchia, Paul Keating, Beth Keating

Call to Order 6:02pm

Approve Minutes from October 6, 2016

Motion - S. Mardirossian

Second - J. Arslanian

Old Business

- Update on all athletic accomplishments for the fall season.
 - Cross Country – Finished 3rd in BAL, 2 male state qualifiers and 1 female state qualifier
 - Golf – 2nd in the BAL, District I title, Sub-Regional Champion, 4th place in the PIAA
 - Both male and female BAL Champions
 - Tennis – 2nd in the BAL,
 - Individuals finished 2nd and 3rd in the BAL, 2nd in District I, 4th in doubles
 - Girls Soccer – 2nd in the BAL, runner up in sub-regional, PIAA state tournament appearance
 - Boys Soccer – Made it to the District Semi-Finals, lost to eventual State semifinalist
 - Field Hockey – 2nd in the BAL, District 1 runner up, Sub-regional runner up, PIAA tournament appearance
 - Football – BAL Champions
 - Volleyball – BAL Champions, District 1 Champions, sub-regional champions (District I/XI), State Quarterfinalist

- Every team made the playoffs or had an individual complete at the District level
- Update of website issues
 - Mr. Rehr – the BAL athletic directors are investigating the possibilities of the website – not promising
 - Mr. Band – no audio, brought up the idea of using list serve for information, wants to know varsity scores the day after
 - Chris Marchok – Suggested using computer science students
 - Perry Zimmerman – Does not agree with using listserv.

New Business

- Information regarding Field Trips
 - High School Music Trip
 - Proposal of Europe Field Trip for next year – Cost stayed as three years ago \$1200 per child plus airfare
 - Feasibility study 85% interest
 - Fundraising available, thinking of beginning a coffee house and cabarets
 - For auditions choir only
 - Mr. Band – questions about California trip and fundraising
 - Mrs. Mardirossian spoke to her experience to the fact that her trip was excellent and no financial stress was felt on her level
 - Dr. Cortellessa spoke to the middle school trip proposal to Washington D.C.
 - Mrs. Mardirossian asked about the requirements for a school nurse
- A Global Vision and goals
 - Hall of Fame Proposal
 - Mrs. Weisbrot - a need to celebrate the excellent achievement of our past,
 - Dr. Cortellessa – great idea and would love to help
 - Unified Booster Club proposal
 - Carol Borys – should you ask the coaches for the needs; banquet is important; fundraisers will go to needs
 - Paul Keating – comments on the validity of Carol's point
 - Jen Spedavacchia – basketball boosters raise money from camps, in favor of having a group to communicate needs
 - Kevin McCullum (public) – began the football program; worries about creating divisiveness; perhaps an assembly for awards
 - Mr. Marchok – brought up the athletic spirit run as an example of change and how it may make us uncomfortable; perhaps it could be something to consider

- Mr. Zimmerman – the idea will not work; who will determine the need?
 - Mr. Band – opportunity for parking lot is there
 - Mrs. Arslanian – can start out with a group that is communicating first
 - Mrs. Mardirosian – could we have conversations to normalize costs; brought up the bathroom
 - Mr. Band – differentiate between needs and wants
 - Mrs. Meyers – everyone reinvents the wheel, perhaps we can communicate
- The Culture of Athletics at New Hope-Solebury School District
 - Suggestion official Board policy on creation of teams and rosters
 - Mrs. Mardirossian – we need to establish a culture and make a decision
 - Mr. Band – an example of the field hockey team playing equally - he said it didn't work – another example of basketball
 - Mr. McCollum - there should be a mission statement to start

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

7:48pm Seconded by Mrs. Arslanian