



## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

November 12, 2012

Central Office

7:30 P.M.

**In Attendance:** Peter Kubik, Jay Hatfield, Yashu Putorti, Christine Syriac, Glenn Lungarini, Ed Rostowsky, Bernadette Hamad, Ernie DiStasi  
(Ed Strumello was not present so Peter Kubik acted as chairman)

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

#### 1. Individual Coaching Templates

Mr. Lungarini shared a sample of templates from the fall sports. The committee briefly reviewed the team rules. The rules for each team were reviewed by Ed Rostowsky and Glenn Lungarini at the start of the season. Mrs. Hamad asked if the middle school had these templates. They do not. Mr. Hatfield stated that maybe the middle school should consider having them. Mr. Hatfield also noted that some of the rules require parent signatures and others do not appear to have a place for signatures. Mr. Kubik asked if there is consistency between the documents when it comes to discipline. Mr. Rostowsky explained that the reason why the cheerleading rules are more detailed is due to the fact that they do not have games and are preparing for a competition and team work is important. Mr. Putorti stated that participation is not black and white and it remains the coach's discretion. Mr. Lungarini stated that there had been no indication this season that students were treated differently. Mr. Kubik stated that while this is not what he was looking for he would trust the new administration.

#### 2. Discussion on Sixth Grade Participation in Sports

Mr. Hatfield requested a history of why sixth grade doesn't participate and where did the decision come from. Mrs. Syriac stated that prior to 2001 the middle school was only for grades 7 & 8. When the new middle school opened and included grade 6 the decision was made to keep sports with grades 7 & 8, not certain if that was the decision of the principal and the BOE together. Mrs. Syriac stated that the middle school sports program is very small, and the teams only take around 14-15 students. Currently over 70 students might try out for basketball between grades 7 & 8. Adding 6<sup>th</sup> grade doesn't provide opportunity for larger teams. Mrs. Hamad agreed. Mr. Hatfield asked what the BOE could do. Mrs. Hamad stated that to add a sport such as Cross Country would require the funds for a stipend, transportation, referee fees, and uniforms.

**2. Discussion on Sixth Grade Participation in Sports (continued)**

Cross country is a coed sport and doesn't need to be limited in the number of students who participate so she would feel comfortable opening the sport up to grade 6. Mr. Hatfield asked if intramural had been considered. Mr. DiStasi briefly explained that open gym had been considered however, again there are logistical issues. Mrs. Hamad is going to develop a proposal for Cross Country to share with the BOE.

**3. Chairman's Report**

None

**4. Superintendent's Report**

None

**MOTION:** (Mr. Hatfield /sec., Mr. Kubik) to adjourn the meeting

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik)

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Christine Syriac