

SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletics & Student Activities

Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 30, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Robin Scherer (*Chair*), Rodney Wagner, Terry Draper, Brad Group (President, *De Facto*)

Teachers: Dave Yinger

Administration: Dr. Jesse White, YBMS Principal, Rachel Boyle, Athletic Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Old Business

- a. Update on Winter Musical, Band and Choral Concerts – Mr. Yinger mentioned the multiple concerts in November. He noted the new music teacher, Ms. Jessica Teter, is doing an outstanding job. Mr. Yinger stated it's been a banner year with District and County band, with seventeen high school students participating. Kathryn Felix qualified for District chorus. Mr. Yinger noted a Jazz Festival will be held at BSHS at the end of March. The YBMS and BSHS winter band concert will be held 2/3/2023 @ 3:30 p.m. District Band rehearsals are coming up in Hershey. The performance will be at the Whittaker Center. The Beauty and the Beast musical production is underway. Tickets are going on sale within the next few weeks with the show on March 16 – 19, 2023. It should be an amazing production. The WG Rice second grade program will be held 4/2/2023. This is the first performance in a few years. Things are going well having a normal school year. The Band leaves for Disney in seventeen days. Fifty-one students will be flying to Florida. Dr. O'Donnell commended Dr. Yinger on his efforts with the musical programs taking place in our district.
- b. Principal Updates – Dr. Hain was not present but sent a report as follows: New clubs were selected for 2nd semester. Thanks to the counseling office for the help with getting that done. Mini-thon activities coming up. A Junior Achievement STEM day will be held on 3/9/2023. Mini-thon will be held on 4/21/2023 5:30 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Dr. White reported there has been a lot of growth in YBMS athletic programs. The Girls Varsity JR Basketball program is 12-0. The JV team has worked hard and won as well and this is called a DOUBLE, DOUBLE BUBBLE according to Mrs. Boyle. There are many new members on the boys Jr high wrestling team. They worked hard as well and had a great season. Many wrestlers are continuing on to post-season individual events. Girl's wrestling continues. They have all worked hard and continue to improve. Cheerleading is participating in many upcoming events. Athletes seem to be doing well academically with the warning method to maintain academic eligibility.

- c. Athletic Director Updates – Rachel Boyle indicated the Jr. High Coaches Blueprint is done and currently being reviewed. She stated the Girls Junior High Wrestling and Girls Junior High Basketball Girls participated in Women & Sports Celebrations. The Blackout Dates raised \$2100 for Mini-Thon. The Field Hockey Team received a Resolution from Cumberland County and have also been invited to the PA Capital for recognition and a tour. Winter Team highlights - Wrestling continuing to do well despite moving up classification. Eli Bounds reached 100 career wins. Michael Dugan and other wrestlers slated to do well in post-season. Swimming and diving moving into post-season competition. Basketball (girls) had an amazing game against McDevitt and may have chance for post-season play as well. Dunks for Drew is a tournament that took place 1/7/2023 and supports the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation grieving Center in Shippensburg. See the Athletic Department Committee Report for more information.
- d. Coaching Staff Selection – A discussion ensued regarding the coaching staff hiring process and the Coaching Handbook. Rachel is currently reviewing the handbook and will share it with the committee. Discussion moved on to anti-sexual harassment and anti-hazing training for coaches. Rachel plans to meet with every team/coach starting this fall to lay out expectations in that regard.
- e. Uniform Purchase – The uniform rotation schedule is now in place and the replacement cycle was sent to Cristeen Beck. It is a comprehensive, 12-year plan.
- f. Girls Wrestling Club and Team Update - The Girls Wrestling team is moving along and the district is providing transportation for the team. Rachel noted the girls doing well and have lots of accomplishments already.
- g. Athletic Booster Club Sponsorships and New Administrative Regulation Review – Two Administrative Regulations were presented to the Committee for review. There is no need for action by the committee. Policy 714 deals with selling of sponsorships. The AR 913 lays out the process of selling sponsorships. The new AR allows knowledge of who is selling sponsorships to ensure there isn't overlap. Discussion ensued regarding fundraisers and parameters around generated funds, including booster club fundraising and a district wide fundraising committee. Discussion continued regarding Policy 229 as it pertains to student fundraisers for athletic uniforms. The BSHS Baseball Team would like to purchase gold jerseys. This falls outside of the uniform replacement schedule and requires board approval.

III. New Business

- a. New Club Requests
 - i. Women in STEM – There was a short discussion regarding the club.
 - ii. Students Against Sexual Harassment (SASH) – There was a short discussion regarding the club. Michelle Nitchman is the Advisor.
- b. Athletic Revenues (how they are coded) – Gate revenue for athletic events is not coded to specific sports. The revenue does not complement the athletic budget, it is used to zero out the expenses to run the events.
- c. Post-Season Coaches Pay – There was a discussion surrounding additional coaches' pay for participation in post-season competition. Although, this is not included in the FY 2022 – 2023 budget, there is money to fund the expense. This was discussed in July but at that

time the budget was already done. Since that time, this matter was discussed, but no decisions were made. Discussion continued regarding this topic and even regular season pay.

IV. Public Comment

V. Recommendations and Voting – The committee recommends that the board considers approval of the BSHS Baseball Team fundraiser to pay for a third gold jersey. The committee made a recommendation for the Women in STEM club and Students Against Sexual Harassment (SASH) be approved. A recommendation was made to have the full board vote on additional stipends for 2022 – 2023 coaching staff reaching post-season play.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

VII. Next Meeting date: Monday, April 26, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.