

7PM at the Municipal Building

Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Attendance: Jim Hinkel, Maria Giangiulio, Anthony DiPlacido, Anthony DiPietro, Mike Sullivan, Ed Yakacki, Brian McCaffery, Matt McKenna, Dennis Coyle, Vince Nuzzo, Marc Rossi, Ernie D’Orazio, Laura Gore and DJ Gore

- September minutes- Dennis Coyle motioned., Anthony DiPietro seconded (6-0 pass)
- Finances: Chevy of Turnersville donated \$1,000 to the WTPR Basketball Booster Club. Venmo or personal check only for travel fees. If they don’t pay by the due date, they will not be eligible to play. Looking to have fees due by November 15<sup>th</sup>. CRMS scoreboard information still in the works.
- Girls Intramural director position- Vince Nuzzo living in township for 55 years. Played sports in township, coached multiple sports, basketball league coordinator for 10+ years (sometimes multiple leagues at once). Love doing it, wants to volunteer and give back. Dennis Coyle motioned, Mike Sullivan seconded. (8-0 voted in, yes)
- Review of travel coaches, both boys and girls are all Megan’s Law approved
  - Boys Coaches – motion made by Maria Giangiulio, seconded by Matt McKenna. Coaches approved (8-0)
  - Girls Coaches – motion made by Maria Giangiulio, seconded by Matt McKenna, Coaches approved (8-0)
- November meeting will be moved to Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
- December meeting will be moved to Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
- Parent requesting to play down, as his birthday is the day after the October 15<sup>th</sup> cutoff
  - (7-1) opposed
- Parent requesting that we allow a 4-year-old to play clinic, who will be 5 in January. Our cutoff date is October 15<sup>th</sup>, so the child is currently not eligible.
  - Matt McKenna made motion, Anthony DiPietro seconded. (In favor 5-3)
- Registration closes October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our numbers are at 1,091 as of today.
- Schedule: CRMS floors have been repaired and are ready to be used. Gyms know that basketball will be using the gyms. OVMS gym floors will be done by November 9<sup>th</sup>. Last day of school to use the gyms will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. From December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> there will be no basketball due to winter break. Will look into renting gyms elsewhere to not lose over two weeks of practice time.
- Boys 9-12 Intramural- coaches and league directors are good to go for the most part. Will need more volunteers for coaches in boys 10. Will posted on Facebook and emails for coaches. Dates for drafts have been scheduled.

- Boys Travel- Today was the last day to order jerseys. 8B had two players leave the team. Will be submitting a breakdown of travel fees.
- Girls Travel- 7<sup>th</sup> grade had 16 girls try out and two teams were made. Two girls on 7B decided not to play, leaving the team with six players.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are always now done to 6 players, as a player decided to not accept a roster spot.
  - Hold a tryout at BHMS on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to try to get more 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to fill empty spots to prevent eliminating teams completely.
- Laura and DJ Gore- Filed a grievance, as their son did not make 7A or 7B travel team, after being on the A team for two years and being on B team last year. Formal grievance was sent to everyone on the board by the Gore's. In terms of resolution would like rosters to be reconsidered and want a better process for kids in general. This is supposed to be about kids and hope that the process is at the root of what happens with the bylaws, tryouts, and ratings. Feel things need to be put into place that gives another approach to the travel tryout process. If this doesn't change for their son, they hope it helps someone in the future. Feel as a mistake has been made and don't understand how we as a program can grow the game, in terms of our boys travel program. Stated a 7<sup>th</sup> grade coach was at the tryouts, when tryouts should have been closed and coaches should not have been in attendance since coaches are selected after teams are formed.
  - Would like a better understanding of how questions are answered, better understanding of what the intent is with some of the comments being made around the boys travel program. Believe it is concerning when they reach out to board members, and they do not get a response as it is an expectation.
  - If Gores do not like the response from the WTPR Basketball Board, they then will have the opportunity to go to The Sports Advisory Board with their issues.
  - Gores want to make sure that each question they asked in their grievance will be answered accordingly
  - Statements and comments were made to previous coaches from the current Boys Travel director, pertaining to the program and the goal.
  - Too many inconsistencies, the kids need to grow and develop
  - Appears to the Gores that we have lost sight of what we are here for. They as parents need to do what is best for their child. Hope that approach is changed not only for their son but for future players.
  - Believe the comment made by Dennis Coyle, stating the raters worked together to choose the teams, broke the bylaws currently in place. Reassured the Gore family that the raters submit the ratings to the travel director, who then sends

the ratings to the president, who then sends them out to the board to overlook and approve rosters.

- Gore Family will receive a response within 72 hours, on their two resolutions they are looking for: reconsider the roster spots and changing the process for the future.
  - Anything in the writing of the letter that lets the board reconsider sons roster spot? (board voted no 8-0)
  - Do we believe that we should review our process in the future for travel tryouts, when we get to the bylaw meeting change in May? (board voted yes 8-0)
  - When looking at policy next year discretion will be used to consider factors other than the ratings when making the team.