

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

March 18, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Board Room – Trinity Hall

Minutes

Attendance – Mr. Dobich, Mr. Daloia, Mrs. Eates, Mrs. McIlvaine, Mr. Marino, Mrs. Caleffe, Mr. Trapuzzano, Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Snoke, Mr. Spencer, Ms. MacKinney, Mr. Digon

I. Call to Order 5:30 PM

II. Public Comment – 4 People

1. Kerri McIlvaine – Spoke on the issue of Cheerleading in favor having cuts. Discussed the athleticism and ability level necessary to be successful as a cheerleader. Supportive of making cuts if necessary.
2. Lynne King – Spoke on the issue of Cheerleading in favor having cuts. Discussed the athleticism and ability level necessary to be successful as a cheerleader. Supportive of making cuts if necessary.
3. Robert DeFillippo – Spoke about being a Baseball Booster officer and discussed the desire to work collaboratively with the coaches, administration and board of directors. Additionally stated the by-laws for baseball are not complete, but we be completed in the near future.
4. Pattiann Berton - Spoke on the issue of Cheerleading in favor having cuts. Discussed the athleticism and ability level necessary to be successful as a cheerleader. Supportive of making cuts if necessary. Discussed a variety of issues such as costs, safety and requiring a standard level of ability. Also discussed plan for 9th grade and winter sports. The Cheerleaders will cheer at all winter sports' home events and all playoffs games. Mrs. Berton and her staff will be the judges of the tryouts. Mr. Durbin commended her for taking responsibility for choosing her team.

III. Extra-Curricular Eligibility Policy and Changes

Mr. Snoke presented a draft revision to the eligibility policy. The recommendation from the administration is to remove the currently policy requirement for curriculum and grade attainment requirement in its entirety...

~~In order to be eligible for extracurricular activities, a student must:~~

~~1. Pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full time curriculum. This curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by and conform to the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code as well as any local policies established by the Board.~~

~~2. The student must maintain a (D) or better grade in each of the four core subjects: math,~~

~~-science, Social Studies and English. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period and shall be reported on a weekly basis. The student's grades will be monitored every Friday, and the extracurricular advisor will be notified on Friday of the eligibility status for the following week, Sunday through Saturday. Eligibility reports will be generated via the student database program. The secondary school principal or designee will generate the data report and create the initial eligibility report every Friday. The report will be presented to the Athletic/Activities Director. It is the responsibility of the Athletic/Activities Director's Office to examine the eligibility report for correctness and to disseminate the ineligibility report to the respective coaches/advisors and verify receipt of said report.~~

- ~~3. Students will be able to regain eligibility once their grades meet the minimum criteria as early as the next week, eligibility cycle, as outlined in 2 above. The grades will be monitored every Friday and eligibility update will be sent to all coaches on Friday.~~
- ~~4. At the end of the school year, the student's final credits for the entire year shall be used to determine eligibility for the fall season of the following school year.~~

And replacing this requirement with the following excerpt from the PIAA By-Laws...

ARTICLE X CURRICULUM

Section 1.

To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, a student must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the Principal as a full-time curriculum. Where required, this curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by, and conform to, the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well as any local policies established by the local School Board. The student must be passing at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent. Eligibility is cumulative from the beginning of a grading period, must be reported on a weekly basis, and must be filed in the Principal's office. Where a student's cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period does not as of any Friday meet the standards provided for in this Section, the student is ineligible from the immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which the student's cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period meets the standards provided for in this Section. Where a school is closed on a Friday for any reason, the Principal may, at the Principal's election, determine whether the student as of that day meets the standards provided for in this Section.

Section 2.

To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student must have passed at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent, during the previous grading period, except as provided in Section 5. Back work may be made up, providing it is in accordance with the regular rules of the school.

INTERPRETATIONS

Sections 1 and 2. October 6, 2001.

Whenever students spend approximately double the amount of time in class under "block" scheduling in comparison to "traditional" scheduling, a credit that a student is carrying under "block" scheduling would be the equivalent of two credits under "traditional" scheduling in determining athletic academic eligibility, except when eligibility is determined by final credits at the end of the school year.

Section 2. July 21, 1983; as amended December 7, 1985; and May 11, 2002.

ARTICLE X, Section 2 sets only the minimum academic standards for interscholastic athletic eligibility. Since the standards are minimum ones (passing "at least" four full-credit subjects), PIAA member schools may adopt higher or more stringent academic standards, but may not have lower academic standards.

Section 2. July 22, 1982; as amended December 7, 1985.

A student who has passed subjects which, in the aggregate, total at least four credits has passed the equivalent of four full-credit subjects.

Section 3.

In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the standards provided for in Section 2, said student is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for at least fifteen (15) school days of the next grading period where the school has four (4) grading periods per school year, or for at least ten (10) school days of the next grading period where the school has six (6) grading periods per school year, beginning on the first day report cards are issued, except as provided in Section 5.

Section 4. New Students Must Meet Eligibility Requirements On Curriculum.

Students who are enrolled for the first time must comply with the requirements of the curriculum rules. The standing required for the preceding week, the preceding grading period or the preceding year shall be obtained from the records of the last school which the student has attended.

Section 5. Use of Final Credits at End of School Year.

At the end of the school year, the student's final credits in the student's subjects rather than the student's credits for the last grading period shall be used to determine the student's eligibility for the next grading period.

INTERPRETATION

December 7, 1985; as amended May 11, 2002.

Students whose work does not meet the standards provided for in ARTICLE X, who attend summer school and correct their deficiencies, are eligible.

Additionally there was a discussion about the differences in Policy 122 and the PIAA By-Laws in regard to attendance. Trinity allows 10 days of absence per semester versus the PIAA allowing 20 days of absence per semester before a student athlete would lose their eligibility to participate. Mr. Snoke and the administration recommended maintaining Policy 122's current attendance threshold at 10 days of absence per semester. 2013-2014 there were two students who were ineligible due to excessive absenteeism. Currently during the 2014-2015 school year there are three students ineligible due to excessive absenteeism. Trinity's attendance requirement follows the PIAA By-Laws in all areas except Trinity set the threshold at 10 days.

The committee of the board affirmed making the changes proposed in Policy 122. Changing the curriculum and grade level performance to align with the Article X of the PIAA By-Laws. While maintaining the 10 days of absence per semester.

IV. Trainers Contract

Mr. Snoke presented a proposal to provide athletic training services from Washington Health Systems. Mr. Snoke stated that there have been no issues or problems with the services provided by NovaCare and Jason Porterfield. Jason is an excellent Trainer and an outstanding person. Additionally the student intern from California University of Pennsylvania has been extremely beneficial for our student athletes. Washington Health Systems had presented their proposal to Mr. Jones and it was not forwarded or considered. Washington Health Systems

proposal is approximately \$5,000.00 per year less than NovaCare. Both agreements have a 30 day termination clause. If we change to Washington Health Systems as the provider we will lose Jason Porterfield's services as our trainer. The athletic committee stated they do not want to change at this point. However when the contract expires all proposals will be presented and considered.

V. 9th/10th Grade Football Schedule

Head Football Coach Mr. John Miller presented his desire to move the 9th grade football players up to the varsity level, as only 13 school still play a 9th grade football schedule. Mr. Miller stated he would like to play JV games on Saturday and schedule a 9th/10th grade game on Mondays for all who play sparingly or not at all in the Varsity or JV games. There would be no additional costs as the 9th grade expenses would be incorporated into the 9th/10th grade expenses for equipment, coaches, officials and transportation. Athletic committee was collectively in favor of Mr. Miller's recommendation.

VI. Cheerleading Philosophy

Mrs. Berton was looking for guidance from the Athletic Committee and she discussed the athleticism and ability level necessary to be successful as a cheerleader. Supportive of making cuts if necessary. Discussed a variety of issues such as costs, safety and requiring a standard level of ability. Also discussed plan for 9th grade and winter sports. The Cheerleaders will cheer at all winter sports' home games and all playoffs games. Mrs. Berton and her staff will be the judges of the tryouts. Mr. Durbin commended her for taking responsibility for choosing her team.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Adjournment – 6:45 PM