

Niagara Falls City School District
Niagara Falls, New York

Athletic Council

January 7, 2011

Present: D. Bass, C. Bianco, K. Dobmeier, J. Forcucci, D. King, M. Laurrie, J. Parks, R. Polk, J. Spanbauer, N. Vilaro, Guest – T. Hyland, J. Gregory, E. Smeal

Excused: I. Martinez, K. Catalano, R. Shiessly

The meeting was called to order @ 1:30 p.m.

- Approved minutes from previous meeting. (Forcucci/Vilaro)
- Approved revised constitution. (Bass/Polk)
- Collection of admission fees at athletic events:
 - Since 2000, only charged for football and basketball - \$1.00 for all.
 - Audit re: collection of fees raised concerns re: accountability. It was decided to eliminate fees.
 - Mr. Hyland explained process of collection and accounting needs.
 - Comptroller audits across state have noted a number of fund discrepancies in extra-curricular collections.
 - Developed manual – 64 pages of protocols/procedures. Very labor intensive. This has caused districts to be cautious in this area.
 - Mr. King suggested we poll other NFL schools for information and practices.
 - Discussion held re: pro's/con's of charging.
 - Noted that parents pay taxes plus team sponsors would prefer not paying admission.
 - Mrs. Gregory noted the philosophy of free access to facility for community. Charging may not align with this.
 - Mrs. Bianco noted if needs met – no need to charge.
- Mr. Laurrie suggested action items:
 1. Poll other NFL schools for practices. (Forcucci)
 2. Take informal attendance counts at 3 games. (Forcucci)

- Phase IV
 - Presentation by Mrs. Gregory
 - Includes turfing of fields.
 - Mrs. Bianco reinforced educational component at well as 7 million to turf fields.
 - Information distributed for sharing with others.
 - Mr. Hyland explained reimbursement process.
 - 98% reimbursable.
 - 2% covered by other funds – no cost to taxpayer.

- AOB
 - Don Bass inquired about Hall of Fame and retiring of jerseys.
 - Mr. Forcucci distributed updated participation numbers.

- Future Items
 - Admissions
 - Hall of Fame
 - Retiring Numbers

Meeting adjourned @ 2:30 p.m. (Vilardo/Forcucci)