

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Niagara Falls, New York

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING  
November 12, 2010

Present: D. Bass, K. Catalano, K. Dobmeier, J. Forcucci, D. King, M. Laurrie, I. Martinez, J. Parks, R. Polk, R. Shiessley, J. Spanbauer, N. Vilaro

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Laurrie at 1:30 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to accept the minutes of October 8, 2010; Mr. Shiessley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officers were elected as follows:

Mr. Laurrie, President  
Mr. Forcucci, Vice President  
Mr. Spanbauer, Secretary

A report was distributed that contained the Interscholastic Athletic Participation Numbers from 2008-Present:

- Reviewed the numbers
- Noted low numbers in Boys volleyball
- Mr. King noted the possibility of other athletes playing volleyball
- Mr. Forcucci noted that the late coaching appointments this year may have impacted the numbers in boys volleyball
- Mr. Vilaro noted intramurals may assist with increasing numbers
- Mr. Shiessley noted that volleyball was added to the summer sports camp
- Mr. Shiessley also noted that it may be beneficial to study the optimal number of team members that each sport can randomly handle and the number of individuals that attend tryouts on this report in the future. Mr. Forcucci will add that information going forth.

Mr. Laurrie reviewed the history of the Girls' Hockey proposal. Only one recent inquiry has been made.

Boys Lacrosse – Discussion pertaining to interest and the process to add sports was discussed.

A suggestion was made to conduct a survey of students to determine if there is an interest in other athletic programs. Mr. Forcucci will take the lead on this. This survey will be reviewed by the Athletic Council and distributed in Physical Education classes Grades 7-12.

Discussed the possibility of exit surveys for student athletes. This would be non-evaluate of coaches and focus on the experience of the student athlete.

Informal discussion was held on Modified vs. Freshman athletics.

Reviewed information contained in the packet that was sent to Council members by Mr. Laurrie.

- PE requirements
- NFCSD Contract
  - Now included in the Athletic handbook
- Eligibility Policy

Mr. Laurrie noted suggested changes in the Athletic Council Constitution. The suggested changes are reflected in the draft Constitution (see attached). This will be reviewed at the December Athletic Council meeting.

Two students will be added to the Athletic Council, one male and one female, per revised Constitution. Mr. Spanbauer to secure members.

Mr. Laurrie distributed Athletic Council topics of interest. The results were reviewed.

Mr. King requested a review of District Admission Policy for Athletics as the first topic of study for the December meeting. All Council members were in agreement.

Mr. Laurrie requested the opportunity to have the School Business Administrator explain all accounting procedures and protocols required for this to occur.

AOB

- Mr. Laurrie mentioned the Niagara Gazette was interested in a story regarding the Athletic Council.
- Mr. Dobmeier asked that the purpose of this committee regarding hiring practices be clearly shared in the article.
- Mr. Martinez noted future discussion item of uniform collection.
- Stakeholders on Council must develop a process to share information back to their respective groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Spanbauer  
Recording Secretary