

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2008

**ATTENDEES:**

Misty Pilz

Doreen Shirley

Janine Robertson

Anne Galinsky

Laura Crawford

Craig Semple

Matt Rubano

David Klein

Susan Gardner

Beth Baumgarten

Amy Jablonski

Cindi Schneider

Bud Equi

Sue Leckey

Ellen Paternoster

Dan Zittoun

Steve Filipone

Bill Clorite

**MINUTES:**

Bill Clorite opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Bill will serve as chairperson until June 2008. He explained that the meetings being held during Spring 2008 were for the purposes of organizing the council for the 08-09 school year.

A nomination committee consisting of Joe Paduda, Ellen Paternoster, Bill Clorite and David Klein proposed a slate of officers. The slate was voted upon and approved unanimously. The officers include:

Chairperson: Bud Equi

Secretary: Doreen Shirley

Vice-chair: Matt Rubano

Treasurer: Susan Gardner

Craig Semple explained that the results of the Life Tracks survey taken by winter student-athletes has been received. David Klein made clear that evaluative questions put forth to student-athletes about coaches is not appropriate. The athletic department is looking for student input but not so that it's evaluative of the adults running an athletic program. The intent of the survey is for program improvement and Craig uses it as a conversational tool with coaches. DHHS is the only school in Connecticut that uses Life Tracks and in fact not many schools in Connecticut utilize student-athlete surveys. The MPS is looking to use Survey Monkey in the future and customize it for our needs and purposes.

Sue Leckey discussed the use of coaches and the previous practice of utilizing volunteer coaches. Due to legal constraints this is a limited practice. All coaches, whether paid or volunteer, must have current coaching certification along with CPR, First Aid and fingerprinting. A discussion ensued about the benefits of employing coaching staff from the educators in the MPS. Payment for coaches is determined by looking at comparable positions with similar contact hours.

Craig Semple asked the group to read and consider the written proposals for an additional field hockey coach for the 2008 season and a sophomore football program for the 2008 season. Craig mentioned a proposal for an additional wrestling coach due to the growth of the program but no written proposal was distributed. Discussion of the written proposals will take place at the next MAPAC meeting.

A question was asked about the funding of new programs or improvements to existing programs. Craig and David explained that registration dollars will offset the expenses for the first two years and after that funding will come through the BOE's athletic budget.

Misty Pilz said the new sailing program is off to a good start and currently nine students are participating. The sailing program has made it to the "states" competition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next meeting of MAPAC will be held on May 13th in the Career Center of DHHS at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Shirley