

Pentucket Athletic Association Minutes June 6, 2006

Present: Don DiFelice (AD), Mike McCarron, Laura McCarron, Carol Jakobsons, Candy Mulligan, Leo Ouellette. Mary Guilmet, Betsy Oski, Rene Guilmet. Deb Stephenson, Carolyn Boyd.

AD Report:

- Fall Sports Sign-Up Wed June 7th at 2:30 PM.
- Spring Sports Banquet Friday June 9th at Cedardale – kids arrive at 4PM, dinner at 6PM, Awards/Coaches remarks at 7PM (Parents are invited to arrive by 6:50PM) Cost to Athletes is \$6 each.
- Jackets and Senior plaques have been ordered
- Gym Padding – waiting for grates to be made for vents.
- Discussion on Failure of Budget to pass in the towns and its impact on Pentucket Sports. Don reported that he had been asked to provide information on the impact of cuts in 3 areas. He stressed that he had not been asked to come up with cuts to equal a specific dollar amount. The information which he has provided to Mrs. Townes is as follows: All data represents the most recent 3 year average

1. Freshman Sports: (Field Hockey, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball)

Cost	\$31,742
User Fees	<u>23,780</u>
Net Cost to PRSD	\$ 7,962

2. Hockey and Winter Cheering:

Cost	\$34,990
User Fees	<u>12,235</u>
Net Cost to PRSD	\$12,755

3. Lacrosse: (boys/girls) note: last sport added at Pentucket

Cost	\$21,420
User Fees	<u>16,380</u>
Net Cost to PRSD	\$ 5,040

These three items total \$25,757 in costs to the district. Don made it very clear that he is not advocating any of these cuts; he is merely providing information. In fact he had hoped to be able to add freshman boys and girls soccer this year.

Funding Requests: Steve Hayden requested \$1200 for weight room equipment. After some discussion, a motion was made to table the request and approve it at a later date, contingent upon seeing whether any cuts are made to Pentucket Sports.

River Cruise – money has been collected for 74 tickets which will be sufficient to cover our costs. Another 20-25 tickets have been reserved but the money has not been collected yet. The Prince of Wales leaves from the docks near the Black Cow in Newburyport. Boarding will begin at 6:30 PM – the Cruise will go rain or shine.

Fall Sports Books – Mary Guilmet reported that she and Dave Koopman are willing to handle the advertisements again this year. Laura McCarron will help with the initial mailing to this year's advertisers. A suggestion made at an earlier meeting about including a section in the description of the PAA and its mission which detailed where funds had been spent this year was favorably received. The new treasurer will need to provide that information to Mary for inclusion. Mary will bring Proud Parents page sign-ups to the Spring banquet at Cedardale. She will also make sure that the info sheet about the Proud Parents page is given to the high school administration for inclusion in the summer mailing. Janice Littrell is still willing to do layout and printing of the books.

Scholarships – 4 PAA scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Kristen Gabriel, Liz DeWolfe, Jeremiah Garrett-Levine and Anthony Castiglione at the Senior Awards night. Deb Webster did a tremendous job of presenting the awards – thank you Deb !!! Don reported that we have already received a thank you note from Jeremiah Garrett-Levine.

Officers for the 2006/2007 academic year: We still need someone to cochair with Mike McCarron. Also we were notified shortly after the meeting that Linda Herman will be unable to serve as PAA treasurer so if anyone is interested in either of these positions please reply to this email. We really cannot wait until our first meeting in September to have people in place.

Treasurer's Report: After scholarships the balance was \$11,453 which does not reflect all the costs or ticket sales related to the cruise. Nor does it include the previously approved gym padding expense of roughly \$6700. Thank you Carolyn for all your efforts as PAA treasurer.

As outgoing secretary, I would just like to encourage parents to attend PAA meetings and to get involved with our fundraising activities. Sports, like other extra-curricular activities, are a key component to a well-rounded public school education. Sports give students the opportunity to meet new people, to take on leadership opportunities, to learn how to properly conduct themselves as representatives of their school, to build team spirit (often times with people who they may not care for), to stay physically fit, to fine-tune time management and to learn how to deal with success and disappointment. As parents of student-athletes in a district that, in my opinion, chronically underfunds school spending, we need to advocate for our student athletes. I'd also like to urge people who attend the PAA meetings to treat differing opinions and positions with civility. Parents and staff all want the best for the kids so let's work together with positive attitudes.

Next meeting: Tuesday Sept 5, 2006 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Deb Stephenson