

Minutes from September 12, 2006 PAA meeting.

In attendance:

Don DiFelice, AD, Mike & Laura McCarron, Elaine Poretta, Linda Bolla, Candace Mulligan, Deb Stephenson, Deb Webster, Mary Guilmet, Cathy Crawford, Karen Guzelian, Carol & Ivars Jakobsons, Marie Meehan, Tricia & John McNamara, Don & Lynn Viselli, Jill Daamen

## **Athletic Director's Report**

### **Fall Sports**

Total of 331 athletes participating

Cheering 29, Football V/JV 61, Fresh 21, Boys soccer V 22, JV 20, Girls Soccer V 19, JV 21, Field Hockey V/JV 40, Fresh 12, Cross Country boys 37, Girls 37, Golf 12

### **For Fall Sports Schedule and Updates**

Please use the [www.pentucketathleticassn.org](http://www.pentucketathleticassn.org) or [www.pentucketrhs.org](http://www.pentucketrhs.org) websites to check schedule and updates

### **New Fall Coaches**

Boys JC Soccer – Josh Lewis

Ass. Cross Country – Keith Sherman

### **Gym Padding**

New vent grates were installed at both ends of basketball court. Waiting for new quote to show changes which include graphics on one end, removable pad section over grates, changes in cost of materials. Estimated installation will be first week of November.

### **Girl's Varsity Basketball Position**

Position has been posted in Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Eagle Tribune, Newburyport Daily News and the MIAA web page. Deadline is 9/22. A screening committee will be formed and interviews will take place the week on 9/25 – 9/29

### **Fees**

School committee Meeting 8/15 set fees to new 75% level of funding after rejecting Dr. Livingstone's proposal of a slight increase (70% of the difference between the old and new fee).

School Committee 9/5 presented numbers of three sport athletes, free and reduced lunch, etc. were to vote on proposal by George Collins to raise cap to \$1,000 excluding transportation – tabled to 9/19.

### **Additional Costs to parents**

Due to an increase in user fees, coaches and booster groups are asked not make any additional requests for funding of jackets or warm ups without written permission from the athletic director or Mrs. Townes.

### **Ticket Prices**

Adults \$6, Students (grades 1-12) \$4, Season tickets for individual sports (football, hockey, basketball) will be available for \$25

### **Individual Sport Booster Groups and PAA**

The need to work together to help defray the added cost of the 06/07 fee to parents.

### **Photo Day**

Took place 9/5

### **Fees 07/08**

We need to work on trying to reduce fees or look at other schools in the area to see how they fund their sports. Many schools have a flat fee system with reduced rates if you participate in more than one sport.

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### **Fundraising**

Cheerleading has submitted 3 fundraising activities. PAA discussed the safety issue with the toll fundraiser where students stand in the middle of the road collecting money from passing cars.

#### **Football**

Annual raffle starting 9/12 – 9/30

With the funds they raise they propose to upgrade audio visual equipment and the weight room, pay for an additional coach at the varsity level, and for additional equipment needed due to increased participation of athletes.

PAA would like to see a list of prizes and winners published in the Daily News and/or on the PAA website

The major fundraiser for the PAA is the Football concession stand. This will be coordinated by Cathy Crawford and Jen Fiore who will stock, prepare and clean up the stand but need at least 4 to 5 people at each home game to work at the concession stand. Contact Cathy Crawford if you would like to help. [cathycraw@comcast.net](mailto:cathycraw@comcast.net)

### **Superintendent**

Dr Livingstone would like to attend a PAA meeting to find out more about our organization. Mike McCarron will meet with him to describe what we do. If anyone has questions or suggestions for this meeting please email Mike.

### **Treasurer**

Linda Bolla has offered to be the PAA treasurer this year. Welcome Linda!

The PAA will try to improve the entire sports experience of high school athletes by purchasing necessary equipment etc wherever deemed necessary. Also discussed was whether to reserve funds for the school to subsidize spring sports in the event that there are insufficient funds in the budget.

### **PAA website – [www.petucketathleticassn.org](http://www.petucketathleticassn.org)**

The website is up and running. A great information link for new and current parents re: all sports activities. There are also links to volunteer opportunities for working the concession stand at the football game. Site is maintained by Kevin Sullivan. Suggestions and thoughts welcome. Send your ideas to [paa@pentucketathleticassn.org](mailto:paa@pentucketathleticassn.org) Deb Webster suggested that the Proud Parents Page be posted on the website as well as a link to all CAL schools.

### **Fall Photo Books**

There will be 3 editions, Fall, Winter and Spring. The cover will change with each season: the cost will remain about the same. There was discussion about talking to the Art Dept about students designing the covers for the Photo Books. We need advertisers to defray the cost of the books.

### **Budget Items**

Rene Guilmet reviewed the athletic fees and was will be presenting his findings to the School Committee at their next meeting.

### **Open Comment**

Deb Webster said the Riverboat Cruise fundraiser was a great success. \$1,421 profit Also, a couple of bracelets were found that night. If you are the owner(s), please e-mail [paa@pentucketathleticassn.org](mailto:paa@pentucketathleticassn.org) so that they may be returned to you.

Cathy Crawford requested that any one who has keys to the football concession stand to please return them to her.