ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 - 9:30 AM

All members present except:  Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic
                                Mr. David Coates, Middletown
                                Mr. Mike Gillespie, Pine Bush
                                Mr. Fred Ahart, Roscoe

Guests Present:  Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
                    Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:40 am.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
   Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019, OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop
   made by Ms. Suzanne Lendzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall).  All
   in favor.  Motion carried.

2. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
   a. OCIAA Executive Committee Positions
      At the County Principals’ Meeting, Class AA (Large School) and Class A/B (Medium
      Schools) Principals were approved for the Athletic Executive Committee.  Some discussion
      took place regarding how to handle movement of class within two-year term.  Perspectives of
      both finishing the term and replacing the representative were shared.  Utilizing proxies was
      also recommended.  This will be further discussed at the next meeting in February.  Newly
      appointed for Classes AA and A schools are as follows:
         i.  Class AA (Large School) Representative ~ Mr. Johnn Kaste (Monroe-Woodbury)
         ii. Class A (Medium School) Representative ~ Mr. Ken Hauck (Minisink)

   b. Please review handout regarding the NYSPHSAA College Rule:
      “A student is no longer eligible to represent the school in that sport in that season if the
      student participates in practice or competition with or against any individual or team(s)
      representing a college that season.”

   c. Section IX Items – Mr. Greg Ransom
      i.  Mr. Tom Cunningham (Hyde Park/FDR) requested a separate mat for Girls at Section
          IX Wrestling Championships.  It was a well-received suggestion, however, it comes
          quite late to be approved by the Athletic Council. Discussion followed and Mr.
          Ransom will work on this endeavor.
      ii. Section XI is expected to seek a waiver for Football start date.  The OCIAA League
          is not in favor of this waiver.
3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Items of Concern:

a. Fall Schedules 2020-2021
   Handout was briefly reviewed. Committee will meet afterwards to finalize, then it will be distributed via email to all Section IX schools. A vote will take place at the next meeting in February.

b. Modified Cross Country event at 12th Rock
   i. Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley) believes this is a great opportunity for the student-athletes.
   ii. Event currently penciled in for October 31, but Mr. Dan Morse will contact 12th Rock to change date to October 24, 2020.

c. Section IX Football Schedules – Discussion
   Schedule is currently being completed and will be distributed after Committee meets to finalize.

d. NYS Athletic Administrators Association Conference
   Please review handout of conference highlights. Registration is open online. Section IX has secured a hospitality suite in the Hilton. Let Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) know if you are interested in participating in the cornhole tournament.

e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
   Varsity Boys Baseball – Host Saugerties to merge with Onteora (1 player)
   Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Edgar Glasgott (Newburgh). 17 in favor; 5 abstain. Motion carried.

f. Unified Sports
   i. Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) informed all that the Unified Basketball schedules are almost complete. Geographic scheduling has been requested, as travel has proven to be quite difficult.
   ii. Unified Bowling has been having a great season. If you’re interested, please let us know and join in!

g. Adding Teams
   Please let Mr. Mayo know if you are even thinking of adding a team, as it is much easier to remove a team, rather than add one after the schedules have been completed.

4. Topics for Discussion/Mentoring: Critical Incident Response (lock down, evacuation, threat, etc)

a. Safe Sports Zone has developed plans to assure safer environments for activities occurring at times other than during the regular school hours and has developed a staffing model for athletic administrators to adopt as a best practice. Mr. David Coates (Middletown) hosted a staff training event in his district and shared the quick-reference booklet available for purchase ($15).

b. Discussion occurred regarding being tried on social media in today’s world and the need for non-school personnel training in emergency situation (ie, coaches who do not work in your school district). There was also discussion regarding outside parties using school facilities outside the school day (ie, club team using the pool).

5. Old Business

rSchoolToday Update:
Program is still being customized for our specific needs, so the launch will probably be this summer for the Fall season. There is no increase in budget next year for this product.
6. New Business

a. Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) inquired about any interest from the schools regarding Boys Volleyball Intramurals. Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) was going to see if there was any interest in her district.

b. Ms. Lendzian (Fallsburg) will be forwarding an email regarding a swimming pool survey and briefly discussed the Cheerleading registration packet included in the handouts. She also shared the sad news that Ms. Cherie Walker’s (Cheer Chairperson) home was lost in a fire, along with a letter from Cherie’s daughter, which will be forwarded to all via email.

c. Mr. Bill Miller (Valley Central) addressed the additional billing at Swim meets for shadow teams (ie, extra heats and/or officials). Adjustments to the billing can be made if you let Ms. Heather Walsh know how you would like the meet billed. Mr. Bult (Minisink) also suggested that wording could possibly be added to the form for combining teams, indicating fees may be billed to shadow schools.

d. Budget increase for 2020-2021 will be $2,250.00 per district. A handout has been included for your reference. Due to added insurance costs (Two employees will be added to the plan next year) and the loss of John A. Coleman, and schools moving down in classification, this increase was unavoidable. At the request of many districts, a comparison of this year’s budget to next year’s was emailed.

e. Additional handouts include:
   i. Winter 2019-2020 OCIAA and Section IX Championship Dates
   ii. NYSPHSAA High School Sport Standards
   iii. NYSPHSAA Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interschool Competition
   iv. Schedule for Winter-Spring Coaching Courses

Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 9:30 am
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 9:30 am
Marbletown Town Hall

7. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Debbie Crowe (O’Neill/Highland Falls) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.