

Athletics Subcommittee meeting
Monday, May 15, 2017
6:00pm
School Administration Building
30 Common Street, Watertown, MA
3rd floor

Attendees:

Kendra Foley, Chair, Athletics Subcommittee
Candace Miller, Member, Athletics Subcommittee
Guido Guidotti, Member, Athletics Subcommittee
Elizabeth Yusem, Member, School Committee
Mark Sideris, Town Council President and School Committee Member
John Portz, Chair, School Committee
Dr. John Brackett, interim Superintendent
Michael Lahiff, Athletic Director
Shirley Lundberg, WHS Principal
Kimo Carter, WMS Principal
Coaches, parents, members of the community

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction
- III. Discussion
 - A. Swim
 1. Discussion about a co-op boys and girls swim program in the fall with Arlington.
 2. The Athletic Director has gauged student interest, begun discussions with Arlington, reached out to the Watertown Boys and Girls Club regarding pool use.
 3. He will continue to research other pool options, costs and scheduling to see if this is a viable option. He will come back with additional information and his recommendation.
 - B. Hockey
 1. Discussion about the status of hiring a coach for the 2017/2018 year.
 2. An Independent varsity schedule is being set up for the team. They currently have 16 games set up with a goal to have 20 games.
 3. The long-term goal is to get the program back to the Middlesex League within 5 years.
 - C. Awards for Individual Athletes
 1. Discussion about how we honor our individual athletes.
 2. The Athletic Director will be following up with a system to honor our individual athletes each year (names on banners, etc).
 - D. School Start Time Proposal
 1. The Athletic Director gave an update on the work of the School Start Time Task Force.
 - E. Turf & Field Needs
 1. Discussion about the sharing of fields/turf for our fall and spring athletic teams.
 2. The sharing of fields often causes athletes to practice late into the evening, compromising time with families and time spent on academic work.
 3. There is a clear need for additional usable fields for our athletes.
 4. The Athletic Subcommittee will have a follow-up meeting being scheduled now to dig deeper into the needs as well as discuss options that could alleviate the current student athlete practice schedule.

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.