



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2023 @ 11:00AM - Colonial Elementary School

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00AM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Stephen Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Bill Keenan, Stephanie Taylor, Shannon Fisher, Seth Brunner, Corey Siegel, Mike Semar, Jason Sherlock, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, RJ Bretz, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Lisa Ford, Joe Derickson, Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland, Sarah Kurpel, Maureen Gregory.

Absent from the meeting: Holly Farnese, Denis Gray and Tom Brady

Guest at the meeting: Mr. David Cleary, Garnet Valley SD parent.

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon a motion by R. Bretz / C. Moss, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from August 9, 2023. **Unanimous (23 votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon a motion by S. Brandt / R. Kurzweg, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for August 2023. **Unanimous (23 votes)**

Operations Balance	\$623,064.92
Net Change	\$ 16,298.81

A copy of the complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of PIAA District 1 Treasurer.

Student Transfer List

- Upon a motion by G. Per / L. Sudholz, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (23-0)**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by R. Bretz / J. Derickson, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members.
Unanimous (Votes)

Public Comment

- Mr. Dave Cleary, parent of a Garnet Valley student, presented on behalf of his son. Mr. Cleary expressed concern over the timing and process of eligibility hearings along with a parent's ability to attend such hearings. The student's request for additional eligibility was approved by a District One sub-committee in July via document review. The District One office will respond to Mr. Cleary's PIAA related questions.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Member schools are reminded that the PIAA period to enter school enrollment figures will be open from October 1 to October 16, 2023. The PIAA office will send information and instructions to member schools. Reminder that the 10% enrollment factor has been eliminated from the classification factors.
- Member school are reminded of the 30-day rule for post-season waiver requests. Schools are asked to prepare forms properly and submit the necessary documents and information.
- Member schools are reminded to fill out transfer forms properly and completely. Schools are also reminded that parents should not be filling out the forms. The Receiving schools should be filling out the transfer forms and securing the required signatures.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Dr. Barber recapped the information from the Annual meeting and PIAA staff presentation.
- Dr. Barber discussed the potential changes to the definitions and application of feeder schools in the PIAA By-Laws.
- The changes to the PIAA Competition Formula for the next 2-year cycle were discussed. Effective July 1, 2023, the competition formula will include tennis, wrestling, baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse. An explanation of the competition formula can be found in the PIAA Policies and Procedures section of the PIAA Handbook.
- The PIAA BOD meeting was scheduled for September 13th. Dr. Barber will provide an additional summary at the District One October meeting.

- Officials' Appreciation Weeks were announced. The dates are the same weeks utilized by NFHS for Officials' Appreciation Weeks Nationally.
 - Fall Sports - October 1-7, 2023.
 - Winter Sports - January 7-13, 2024.
 - Spring Sports - April 14-20, 2024.

New Business

- The District One Committee reviewed the probationary periods for the following schools - Cheltenham High School, Springfield (Delco) High School, Avon Grove High School and Upper Darby High School. Upon a motion by R. Bretz / L. Bell, the committee voted to table the discussion and recommended the review be delayed until after the Fall 2023 season.
- ***District One Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss the position of District One Treasurer.***
 - Upon returning to an open session, a motion was made by C. Moss / J. Creighton to have the District Committee approve RJ Bretz to serve as an interim District One Treasurer until June 30, 2024.
- Mr. Stone reviewed the formation and structure of a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee within District One (DEIB). The District One office will arrange introductory meetings with identified school district administrators who will help to format the committee. Schools will also be asked to identify if their schools have separate male and female wrestling coaches.
- There was an additional discussion about the format and structure of the Girls Wrestling post-season. The District One office will follow up with the District One Wrestling and PIAA Wrestling Steering Committees. Schools will be asked to respond to a survey with the number of estimated girls wrestlers they expect on their team this season.
 - The District One office will send additional information and reminders to schools and how to properly count boys and girls wrestling competitions for the 2023-2024 season.
 - The District One office will work to gather a more accurate number of girls wrestlers and their specific weight classes after the OPC data is entered.

LaDontay Bell and Maureen Gregory left the meeting at this time.

- Dave Baun, District One Parent Rep discussed the possible need and requirements for insurance policies for League events. District One Committee reps were asked to go back to their leagues and inquire what insurance policies they are required to produce if renting a neutral site for post-season events.

- The District Committee held discussion on the concerns surrounding the lack of soccer officials and the open assignments throughout the season. Additionally, the District Committee asks the PIAA to review the current soccer officiating system along with the recruitment and retention of new officials. Leagues are encouraged to address their concerns with their league assignors.

Old Business – There was no old business this month.

Officials Report

- Maureen Gregory asks that league representatives keep the Official Representatives apprised of any changes to league official fees throughout the season. The official's reps often receive questions about the fees and the information would be helpful. Note: Official Reps are not involved with the discussion of league fees.

Middle School Report – Matt Heiland.

- There was no Middle School business to present to the committee this month.

Eligibility Document Review

- The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at **Unionville HS** in reference to Article VI, Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by R. Bretz / G. Perr, the committee approved the post-season waiver. **20-0-1 abstention (Barber)**
- The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at **Wissahickon HS** in reference to a waiver request of Article I Age and Article VIII, Period of Participation. Upon motion by J. Creighton / B. Flynn-Hensel the committee approved the Age Waiver and the Period of Participation at the JV level in the sports of Track and Cross Country. **Unanimous. (21-0)**

Eligibility Hearings

- There were no in-person eligibility hearings this month. Pending eligibility hearings will be held via Zoom at a later date.

Adjournment

- Upon motion by, the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 1:10pm. **Unanimous (21-0)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held October 11, 2023 – 1pm at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF