



## PIAA / DISTRICT ONE ANNUAL FALL MEETING SUMMARY

September 13, 2023 – 9:30 am – Colonial Elementary School

Dr. Michael Barber, District One Chairperson  
Stephen Brandt, District One Vice-Chairperson  
Rod Stone, District One Executive Secretary  
Sean Kelly, District One Assistant Executive Secretary

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Dr. Barber welcomed the Principals and Athletic Directors to the meeting.

Dr. Barber introduced the PIAA District One Committee members.

A moment of silence was offered to the remembrance of our friend and colleague, Penn Wood Athletic Director Rap Curry who passed away this summer.

Rod Stone presented the 2022-2023 Sportsmanship Award winners. Please see the list of schools and administrators who were honored listed below.

Pat Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director presented the PIAA Updates for the Executive Staff.

- Member schools should have received a copy of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws.
- Discussion of the restructuring of Article VI – Transfer, Residence and Recruiting. There were no changes to the Transfer rule. The language of the rule was just reorganized.
- NIL webinar and support materials are available for reference on the PIAA website. Go to “PIAA FOR” – Drop down - Athletic Directors, Parents or Principals.
- PIAA Enrollment Reports will be due October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup> for the next 2-year cycle. PIAA office will send schools information. Requests for Co-Operative Sponsorship and Voluntary upgrades will be extended until December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Competition Formula changes were approved by the PIAA BOD in July. The changes included the addition of tennis, wrestling, baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey, volleyball and lacrosse.
- Girls Wrestling – PIAA BOD approved girls wrestling as a sport as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The structure of the post-season will be addressed in the next several weeks.

Rod Stone and Sean Kelly presented the District One Operational update.

- Girls Wrestling – Process for Counting Matches / Post Season Format. Member schools will receive additional information from the PIAA and District One office. 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. Schools will also be asked to identify if their schools have separate male and female wrestling coaches.

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee
  - 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.
- Sean Kelly reminded schools that Sub-Varsity Contests are allowed to be played as scrimmages if officials are not available. Schools may not exceed the maximum number of PIAA contests and schools are expected to assign officials when they are available.
- Sean Kelly discussed the revision to PIAA Article VIII – Period of Participation. The PIAA BOD approved the changes in July.
  - The number of semesters to be counted under Article VIII, Section 1A is not triggered until the student has completed the 8th grade and has been identified by their school for promotion. A repeat of 8th grade after successful completion of the credits requirements or meeting the school's promotional requirements, will trigger the start of the student's eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.
- Joe Derickson, President of the D1 Athletic Director's Association (D1 ADA)
  - Introduction of the D1 ADA Board Members
    - Steve Anspach, Pottsgrove HS.
    - Shannon Fischer, Merion Mercy Academy.
    - Bobby Kurzweg, Upper Perkiomen HS .
  - Discussion of the value and importance of membership to the D1 ADA and PSADA.
  - D1 ADA will continue to host educational opportunities for MS and HS athletic administrators.
- Sean Kelly presented additional District One reminders and information.
  - Disqualification and Supplemental Disqualification Rule requirements.
    - Supplemental DQ – 2 game sit out and completion of the NHFS Sportsmanship course.
  - Transfer and eligibility forms must be completed by the school and must be filled out properly.
  - Post-Season Waiver requests must be submitted 30 days prior to the sport's post-season.
  - Schools are asked to continue their practices of proper security and game management.
  - Schools should share their emergency action plans with their opponents and game officials.
  - District One and the PIAA are always in need of neutral sites for the playoffs. Please contact the D1 office if you are willing and able to host post-season contests.
- Meeting Adjournment at 10:35. Thank you for attending today and best of luck to you and your teams this year.

# District-One PIAA Committee Members

## 2023-2024

9/7/2023

Chairman	Dr. Mike Barber	
Vice-Chair	Steve Brandt	
Executive Director*	Rod Stone	
Assist. Executive Director*	Sean Kelly	
Recording Secretary*	Holly Farnese	
Treasurer		
Bicentennial	Sarah Kurpel	Collegium Charter
Bicentennial	Bill Keenan	MaST Charter School
Catholic Academy	Stephanie Taylor	Villa Marie Academy
Catholic Academy	Shannon Fisher	Merion Mercy Academy
Central League	Seth Brunner	Garnet Valley
Central League	Steve Brandt	Garnet Valley
Ches-Mont National	Coery Sigel	Downingtown SD
Ches-Mont National	Dr. Jason Sherlock	West Chester Henderson
Ches-Mont American	Mike Semar	Great Valley
Del-Val League	LaDontay Bell	Chester HS
Pioneer Athletic Conference	Bobby Kurzweg	Upper Perkiomen
Pioneer Athletic Conference	Cyndi Moss	Perkiomen Valley
SOL American	RJ Bretz	Plymouth Whitemarsh
SOL American	John Creighton	William Tennent
SOL Continental	Sylvia Kalazs	Quakertown
SOL Continental	Geoff Per	Bensalem
SOL National	Henry Hunt	CB West
SOL National	Lou Sudholz	Pennsbury
Women's Athletics Representative	Lisa Ford	Interboro
Athletic Director's Representative	Joe Derickson	
School Board Representative	<b>OPEN</b>	
Male Parent Representative	Dave Baun	
Female Parent Representative	Vicki Zebley	
Parent Representative	Denis Gray	
Private School Representative	Becky Flynn Hensel	Villa Joseph Marie
Middle School Representative	Matt Heiland	Upper Dublin HS /MS
Men's Officials Representative	Tom Brady	
Women's Officials Representative	Maureen Gregory	

<b>DISTRICT ONE SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS - 2022-2023</b>			
<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>LEAGUE</u></b>	<b><u>PRINCIPAL</u></b>	<b><u>ATHLETIC DIRECTOR</u></b>
<b>Fred S. Engle Middle School</b>	<b>Ches-Mont MS</b>	<b>Janice Lear</b>	<b>Mike Brooks</b>
<b>Oxford Area High School</b>	<b>Ches-Mont American</b>	<b>James A. Canaday</b>	<b>Michael Price</b>
<b>B. Reed Henderson High School</b>	<b>Ches-Mont National</b>	<b>Dr. Jason Sherlock</b>	<b>Kenneth McCormick/Steve Fitch</b>
<b>Springfield MS</b>	<b>Montgomery County Athletic Assoc.</b>	<b>Zachary Fuller</b>	<b>Kieran Brady</b>
<b>Hatboro-Horsham</b>	<b>SOL - Liberty Division</b>	<b>Dennis Williams</b>	<b>Chas Cathers</b>
<b>Lower Moreland</b>	<b>SOL - Freedom Division</b>	<b>William Miles</b>	<b>Rob Dominick</b>
<b>Council Rock North</b>	<b>SOL - Patriot Division</b>	<b>Jason Traczykiewicz</b>	<b>Vanessa Robtison</b>
<b>Souderton</b>	<b>SOL - Colonial Division</b>	<b>Dr. Sam Varano</b>	<b>Dennis Stanton</b>
<b>Plymouth Whitemarsh</b>	<b>SOL - Liberty Division</b>	<b>Dr. Jason Bacani</b>	<b>RJ Bretz</b>
<b>Merion Mercy Academy</b>	<b>AACA</b>	<b>Marianne Grace</b>	<b>Shannon Fisher</b>
<b>MaST Community Charter School</b>	<b>BAL - Independence Division</b>	<b>Phyllis Santiago</b>	<b>Bill Keenan</b>
<b>Delaware County Christian School</b>	<b>BAL - President's Division</b>	<b>Mark Dixon</b>	<b>Mike Pinelli / Kevin Wallace</b>
<b>Philadelphia Montgomery Christian Academy</b>	<b>BAL - Constitution Division</b>	<b>Suzy Liegel</b>	<b>Glenn Dolton</b>
<b>Spring-Ford Middle School</b>	<b>PAC</b>	<b>Gerard Rogers</b>	<b>Dan Miscavage</b>
<b>Phoenixville Middle School</b>	<b>PAC</b>	<b>Dr. Chamise Taylor</b>	<b>Don Grinstead</b>
<b>Methacton (Liberty Division)</b>	<b>PAC</b>	<b>Dr. Jamie Gravinese</b>	<b>John Smink</b>
<b>Pottsgrove (Frontier Division)</b>	<b>PAC</b>	<b>Dr. Jeff Smith</b>	<b>Steve Anspach</b>
<b>Strath Haven Middle School</b>	<b>Central League - Middle School</b>	<b>Chris Matsanka</b>	<b>Paul Tagliaterra</b>
<b>Upper Darby</b>	<b>Central League</b>	<b>Matthew Alloway</b>	<b>Russell Benditt</b>
<b>Academy Park</b>	<b>Del Val</b>	<b>Richard Sherin</b>	