



**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2017 – 1pm – MCIU 23**

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

**Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Randy Ireson, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, James Stewart, Michael Walker, Matt Heiland, Mary Jo McKenzie, Don Walsh, Sue Cornelius, Jason Sherlock, Chris Lunardi, Russ Wren, Matt Gionta, Pat Nugent, Eric Greiner, Sylvia Kalazs, Bill Bartle, John Reading, Todd Vaccaro, Louis Sudholz, Dave Baun, Barbara Clarke, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory, Janet Columbro, Denis Gray

**Absent from the meeting:** Holly Farnese, Steve Brandt, Pete Forjohn, Daniel Cushing, Dan Horan, and Craig Gilinger, Dee Cross

**I. Approval of November Minutes-** Upon motion by Todd Vaccaro/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Committee Meeting.  
**Unanimous (26 Votes).**

**II. Treasurer’s Report for November 2017** – presented by Danielle Turner, Treasurer. Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Janet Columbro, the committee approved the November 2017 Treasurer’s Report. **Unanimous (26 Votes).**

Operations Summary	\$719,359.90
Reserves Summary	\$183,864.60
Total	\$903,224.50

*Copies of the complete Treasurer’s Reports are available for review with Danielle Turner, Treasurer.*

**III. Transfer Students** - Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Chris Lunardi, the committee approved all Transfer Students request submitted for review on the provided list.  
**Unanimous. (26 Votes).**

**IV. Foreign Exchange Students** - Upon motion by Dr. Nugent/Denis Gray, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Students request submitted for review.  
**Unanimous. (26 Votes).**

**V. PIAA BOD Report** - presented by Dr. Barber. PIAA BOD December minutes were emailed to all schools.

- a. Mid-Season Transfer Rule – 21 day ineligibility period passed on a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Effective July 1, 2018.
- b. On a 1<sup>st</sup> reading – 50% season rule was introduced. Students who transfer mid-season, that were eligible to compete in 50% or more game at their former school, will be considered to have played a full season.
- c. PIAA will continue to look at and review the definition of “Open Gyms”. Specifically “pre-season tournaments and showcases”.
- d. Schools are asked to share the new PIAA Official PSA with faculty, staff, and their school communities <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3LwsxkD7wg#action=share>
- e. Revised PIAA form – “Request to Modify Equipment/Uniform Form” is now available on the PIAA website. Be sure to use this form and send to the PIAA office for any modifications based upon religious obligations.

**VI. Executive Secretary Report** – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- a. Mileage Reimbursement Form sent to all Committee members.
- b. Congratulations to Souderton HS for being recognized as a National Unified Champion School.
- c. MaST Charter School request to join District One. Upon a motion by Dr. Ireson/Dr. Nugent motion for the Committee to consider the MaST request. The motion was defeated and the request was denied to allow MaST to become a member of District One (24-2).
- d. Discussion - Concern regarding Playoff Playback games and teams not playing varsity players. No recommendation to adjust playoffs. Schools need to hold their coaches and teams accountable if teams are suspected of not playing games with integrity.
- e. Fall PIAA Sport Ejection Report. Across the State soccer ejections were down 25%. The PIAA Office appreciates the work schools are doing to improve the number of ejections in all sports. Schools are reminder to send ejection reports responses to D1 Office and Sport Chairs.

**V. Old Business**

- a. Power Ranking System – Discussion of Sub-Committee Report/Recommendations and how to handle forfeits. No motion was made to change or adjust the Power rankings in the event a school forfeits games.
  - i. Discussion – D1 will establish a formal sub-committee that will review and determine when forfeits will be awarded.
  - ii. District One will review how non-D1 opponent’s winning % is calculated. Should playoffs contests of non-D1 opponent be counted towards their overall winning %? Need for consistency in all sports.

## **Old Business (cont.)**

- b. The Committee discussed and reviewed past eligibility hearing decisions and Constitutional interpretations from the PIAA Office. Report was given of 2 appeal decisions from the December PIAA BOD appeals.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Mr. Conley, Principal Unionville HS made a presentation about the benefits of later school start times and how it can benefit athletes. Power Point presentation is available for any interested school. Power Point will be sent to all schools.
- b. **Score reporting/rankings Website** – Mr. Bob Higgins appeared before the D1 Committee and offered a proposal to continue to provide D1 with the service of the website that provides Power Rankings for 12 different sports. Mr. Higgins' proposal included a \$10k startup costs along with costs of \$1,000/per sport. Upon a motion by Daniel Turner/Denis Gray request was made to table to the discussion until further information can be provided. **Unanimous. (26 Votes)**. The District One Committee will hold a working session before the January meeting and will evaluate the proposal from Mr. Higgins along with an additional proposal from District One's current website provider.
- c. **Girard College** offered a self-report letter addressing concerns about a Basketball contest/scrimmage that was played before the official start of the PIAA winter season. Upon a motion by Dr. Nugent/Danielle Turner a request was made to reject the self-report and ask the Girard College Administration to appear before the D1 Committee in January to offer a more detailed explanation. **Unanimous. (26 Votes)**.
- d. A proposal for additional **Arbiter Support** was presented and approved. Arbiter support will be provided to schools and assignors for various tasks. Each request and task performed must be approved by the District One office. Upon a motion by Danielle Turner/Dave Baun the proposal was approved to compensate Bill Brown \$416.66/month starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Arbiter support will be evaluated every 6 months by the District One Executive Officers. **Unanimous. (26 Votes)**.

## **VII. Officials Report**

- a. Mr. Brady expressed concern about the lack of D1 Football Playoff Officials for 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff games. Mr. Brady and the District One office will continue to explore various options to make sure contest are officiated with the proper number of quality officials.
- b. Mrs. Gregory expressed concerns about officials not being escorted off fields after regular season contests. Officials and game managers will be asked to exchange cell numbers before each contest in the event there is a safety concern.

## **VIII. Middle School Report** – no report as this time

## **IX. Hearings**

The PIAA District One committee conducted a hearing on behalf of an **Upper Darby High School** student in reference to PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, Article VIII – Section 6B, additional semesters of eligibility/hardship. This hearing was a continuation from the proceedings that were tabled in November. Upon a motion by Jason Sherlock/Russ Wren, the committee voted to remove the hearing from the table and continue the proceedings. **Unanimous. (24 Votes).**

The Committee then heard additional testimony. Upon motion by Todd Vaccaro/Barbra Clarke, the committee denied the request for additional semesters of eligibility **(19-3).**

The PIAA District 1 committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from **Villa Joseph Marie High School** who transferred from Mount Saint Joseph Academy. This hearing was in reference to PIAA Constitution and Bylaws, Member School Athletic Transfer Waiver Request. Upon motion by Dr. Nugent/Dave Baun, the committee denied the motion to accept the transfer and denied eligibility in the sport of Basketball for one year from the date of the transfer. **(19-YES, 0-NO, 1-Abstention, Turner).**

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM. Motion to adjourn by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro.

**Unanimous. (19 Votes)**

The next District One Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 1:00PM at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23. A District One Committee work session will be held at 12pm to discuss the District One Website proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

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