



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2021 – 12:00PM via Zoom

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00PM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, Mike Lalli, John Allen, Janet Columbro, Terri Fasano, Seth Bruner, Jason Sherlock, Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Rap Curry, Robert Kurzweg, Eric Greiner, Sylvia Kalazs, John Reading, John Creighton, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derickson, Jennifer Wilson, Dee Cross, Denis Gray, Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland

Absent from the meeting: Reggie Parks, William Ziegler, Todd Vaccaro, Dave Baun, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory

Guests at the meeting: None

Approval of the Minutes

Upon motion by Janet Columbro/Jason Sherlock, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from January 29, 2021. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

Treasurer's Report

Upon motion by Denis Gray/Janet Columbro, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for January 2021. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$578,359.84.
Net Change	\$2,341.09.

Copy of the complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of Danielle Turner, PIAA District 1 Treasurer.

Student Transfer List

Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

Foreign Exchange List

There were no Foreign Exchange Requests this month.

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone/Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly asked all League Representatives to remind their member schools and head coaches to fulfill the obligation for the PIAA mandatory Spring Coach Meetings. PIAA will provide free Online Videos for coaches which open February 12th and close March 12th. Spring Coaches may also attend in-person meetings and / or virtual Chapter meetings to fulfill their mandatory meeting obligations.
 - PIAA meeting information is provided in the [January PIAA Newsletter](#)
- The Annual PIAA District One Spring Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:30am. Information will be sent to all member schools. Members of the PIAA staff will be on the call. The regular District One Committee Meeting will follow.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Dr. Barber discussed items to be addressed at the PIAA Strategic Planning Meeting, which was held Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2PM.

Please note, these are not PIAA BOD Agenda items at this point. They are only discussion items for future consideration.

- Football Schedule starting earlier and ending earlier. The D1 Committee agreed this would not be a positive change for D1.
- PIAA will discuss the possible reduction to the number of preseason practices moving forward. Like the changes made during the 2021 winter season. These changes could be considered for Spring 2021 and beyond.
- Consideration of the reduction of District and PIAA qualifiers to the post-season.
- PIAA Playoffs – consider top of PIAA bracket to be the home team and would host 1st round contests. D1 Committee agreed this could help with the difficult selection if neutral site contests in the PIAA playoffs. However, this change could have a potential negative impact on schools from the eastern part of the state having to travel throughout the playoffs.
- A suggestion is being presented to explore the option of changing the Period of Participation rule (review current 8 semester rules to a possible consecutive 12 semester rule, beginning at the start of 7th grade).

New Business

- Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Becky Hensel, the committee approved the 2021 PIAA D1 Basketball playoff dates and qualifiers. All Basketball playoff contests through the finals will held at the higher seed school since neutral sites are not available. Schools will follow the host school's health and safety plans. Basketball dates and qualifiers are posted on the PIAA D1 website. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

- Zebra Web an Official Assigning Program will be submitting a proposal to the PIAA D1 officers. This will be discussed at the March meeting. Schools and PIAA Officials are asked to provide feedback regarding use of the Arbiter.
- The PIAA Tennis Steering Committee introduced discussion about the Universal Tennis Rating system as a pilot program to be used for District and State individual tennis seeding. The [NFHS has announced their partnership](#) with the UTR. Sean Kelly and the D1 Tennis Steering committee will seek additional information and continue further discussion with the D1 Committee to possibly implement use of the UTR as pilot program.

Winter Sports Update

Cheerleading - Mrs. Turner presented the following plan for D1 teams to qualify to the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships.

- D1 will get 11 – Qualifiers to the PIAA Championships
- PIAA now has 5 PIAA Classifications: 2A – Small / 2A – Large / Co-Ed / 3A Small / 3A Large.
- Upon motion by Janet Columbro/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the following Competitive Spirit plan to qualify D1 teams into the PIAA Championships. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
 - **District One Qualifier Formula to States**
 - 2-4 teams in a division = 1 automatic qualifier
 - 5-8 teams in a division = 2 automatic qualifiers
 - 9-12 teams in a division = 3 automatic qualifiers
 - 12 or more teams in a division = 4 automatic qualifiers
 - Other remaining squads will be eligible for an “At-large” bid to States.

Wrestling - District One will hold two division. Each division will include 28 teams. The North Division will be held at Quakertown HS and South Division will be held at Sun Valley HS. Due to COVID Restrictions and the need to follow school’s health and safety plans each District Tournament has been reduced to an 8-person bracket for each weight class.

Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Jennifer Wilson, the committee approved wrestling plan to reduce the District Tournament from 12 wrestlers to 8 wrestlers in each weight class. Included in the motion, if two more sites may be secured for the D1 Tournament the Committee could consider moving to a 12-person bracket. The motion passed, **21 - Yes, 3 – No (Sherlock, Cornelius, Price) – 0 - Abstain.**

- The top 4 wrestlers from each District will qualify to the Regional Championships. Each Regional weight class will have an 8-person bracket. The Regional wrestling site is TBD.
- The Super-Regional Tournament (D1.D2.DXI.D12) will be held a Quakertown HS.

Swimming

- The District One Swimming and Diving qualifying standards and registration information have been posted to D1 Website. Information has been sent to all ADs and coaches in D1.

Official's Report - There are no items for action this month.

Middle School Report - There are no items for action this month.

Eligibility Hearings – No hearings this month.

Eligibility Document Review – No items to review this month.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Robert Kurzweg/Danielle Turner, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 2:00 PM. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held virtually on March 10, 2021 @ 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, HF / SJK



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2021 – 7:30AM via Zoom

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30AM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, Mike Lalli, Janet Columbro, Seth Bruner, Jason Sherlock, Ken McCormick for Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Rap Curry, Robert Kurzweg, Eric Greiner, Sylvia Kalazs, Jennifer Wilson, Dave Baun, Denis Gray, Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland

Absent from the meeting: Reggie Parks, John Allen, Terri Fasano, William Ziegler, Todd Vaccaro, John Reading, John Creighton, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derickson, Dee Cross, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory

Guests at the meeting: None

Topic of discussion was the alignment of the PIAA D1 Wrestling Tournament

Wednesday, 2/10/21 the District One wrestling steering committee held a meeting to examine alignment and school placement of the District One Tournaments. D1 Wrestling Steering Committee held discussion as to the geographic configuration concerning the recommended North and South Divisions. After lengthy conversation, a proper motion was made by J. Gallo (Ches-Mont) / 2nd T. Ellis (Ches-Mont) to move Boyertown HS to the North District and Phoenixville HS to the South District. The motion was approved by a 7-6 vote by the wrestling steering committee. As a result of this decision the motion was forwarded to the District One Committee for consideration.

n.b. Steve Brandt and Jennifer Wilson had to leave the meeting at 8am before the vote.

On Friday, 2/12/21 the District One Committee met to consider the motion brought forward by the Wrestling Committee. After much deliberation and discussion, a proper motion was made to approve the wrestling committee's recommendation to reconfigure the geographic North and South Districts and move Boyertown HS to the South and Phoenixville HS to the North.

Ken McCormick put forward the motion, 2nd by Janet Columbro, to accept the recommendation of the D1 Wrestling Steering Committee. The motion was denied by a vote of 6-10. As a result of this decision, the North and South wrestling tournament alignment will remain as is. **6 -**

Yes, 10 - No (Barber, Turner, Lalli, Kurzweg, Greiner, Kalazs, Gray, Flynn-Hensel, Heiland), 0 – Abstain.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Matt Heiland/Rap Curry, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 8:30AM. **Unanimous (16 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held virtually on March 10, 2021 @ 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, HF / SJK