

DIAA Unified Sports Committee – Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 3, 2018 – 4:30pm
Collette Room C

- Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Kylie Frazer at 4:30pm
- In attendance were: Kylie Frazer, Brian Mattix, Gary Cimaglia, Nate Threatts, Kevin Charles, Jerry Kobasa, Kevin Kelly, Tommie Neubauer (left early), Donna Polk, Brian Contini, Chris Muscara and Theresa Repole.
 - Absent: Bob Beron & Matt Voltz.
- Motion by Kevin Charles, seconded by Jerry Kobasa to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Chris Muscara, seconded by Brian Mattix to approve the minutes of the 7/31/18 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion:
 - Sport Subcommittees: The chair reviewed subcommittee members designated at last meeting. Basketball subcommittee members reminded to attend regular season games. At least one member to attend DIAA state basketball committee meeting.
 - Unified Flag Football:
 - Smyrna defeated Newark Charter in Championship game
 - Flag football rules revision suggested by Brian Contini:
 - All exposed under garments must match. Players in violation must leave game until corrected.
 - Amend rules to permit a forward pass to a receiver behind the line of scrimmage.
 - Amend, "No dead ball penalty may take the ball more than half the distance to the offender's goal line" by striking the words "dead ball".
 - Amend rule defining a catch to the current NFHS football rule.
 - Motion by Gary Cimaglia, seconded by Chris Muscara to approve the above rule changes. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Nate Threatts expressed concern regarding consistency between NDFOA and DFOA officials. Discussion followed about adding a DFOA rep to Unified committee. Kevin Charles to contact Tom Macleish.
 - Discussion re lack of athlete participation in scoring plays. Suggestion made to create an instructional video and/or POE for coaches on creation of plays involving athletes.
 - Discussion about use of ILC students as athletes. AD's should be reminded of the definition of a Unified athlete. It is schools responsibility to monitor and enforce this rule.
 - Players wearing hoodies must keep hood and pockets underneath uniform jersey.
 - Concern expressed that current roster limit of 12 makes it difficult to practice. After some discussion, motion was made by Theresa Repole, seconded by Brian Contini to increase roster size to a maximum of 15 with a minimum of 6 athletes and no more than 9 partners (goal of 40% athletes on roster). Motion passed unanimously.
 - Discussion that athletes learned the game better when field markings are uniform from school to school. Committee to make recommendations to schools that they use specific field markers and consistently line fields.

- Unified Basketball:
 - 14 schools participating, 8 Blue Hen Conference (BHC) and 6 Henlopen Athletic Conference (HAC) schools
 - Teams will play a 5 game regular season. Four division winners and schools with four best records, 2 each from BHC and HAC, will advance to playoffs.
 - Roster size is 15 and under garments must match (see football).
 - Every effort needs be made to hold finals at The Bob just before the boy's final. The date for the boy's state championship is Saturday, March 9th.
 - Nate Threatts discussed the possibility of regional tournament play. DIAA regulations governing member school participation in interstate competition and post-season tournaments were reviewed.
 - Gary Cimaglia discussed the increased use of the term "Unified" by schools to describe "inclusive" activities. The example of "inclusive cheer" was discussed. Committee members felt it important to protect the Unified brand. SODE will craft an email to be sent to schools by DIAA intended to educate schools on the proper use of the two terms.
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- The next meeting date will be determined and held on a Monday or Wednesday afternoon in March.
 - The motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm was made by Gary Cimaglia, seconded by Brian Mattix. Motion passed unanimously.