

**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Athletics Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 8:00 AM**  
**Culinary Arts Dining Room**

Present: Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts  
Others/Staff: Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,  
Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Facilities Director – Mike Taus  
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith  
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski *\*Late arrivals or early departures of Sub-Committee members (see \* in text)*

**Call to Order: (Agenda Item #I)**

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Athletics Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Kimberly Kirk at 8:03 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. She welcomed everyone to the new and long anticipated Committee; the goal was to review the MVRHS Athletics Policy and Budget.

*(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

**Overview of Athletics Budget: (Agenda Item #II)**

Suzanne Cioffi gave a budget overview from FY17 to present day; FY20 was a limited season as half the year was during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She said the format had not changed, approved budget funds went into three categories: 1. Official 2. Athletics 3. Athletic Line. Members discussed how the funds were distributed, and to establish a [detailed] process of distribution into the three categories [listed above].

Louis Paciello asked to compare this budget to other schools, to see if it was in line, and to understand what was included in the number (eg. transportation, personnel/administration, Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association MIAA additional services and requirements to cover games, and so forth); he asked how the MVRHS Athletics Budget compared to the overall budget (% to total); Ms. Cioffi said she would prepare the calculations for the next meeting.

The process for uniform replacement and identifying the funding source for each sport was discussed; Superintendent Richard M. Smith said it was the school's obligation to provide uniforms for all sports, to keep things consistent and on schedule; let the boosters take care of SWAG and other things.

**Review Current Coaching Roster: (Agenda Item #III)**

Chair Kirk recommended everyone review the current offerings and compare them to other schools to ensure what we had was appropriate. The list should be updated based on current demands. Groups that asked for waivers should be reviewed for the reasons they were not getting members, what were the issues?

Members discussed: how other schools reviewed participation numbers at the end of the season to move forward; a process to evaluate existing programs and perhaps strengthen those versus offering new ones.

Jeremy Light described the formation and success of the wrestling program over the last few years and how the players worked hard to play the sport with the space constraints, as the mats required a large floor area for the sport; it currently was a club sport.

Members were in agreement to fund the training for all Coaches and Volunteers, to set a standard before being allowed to participate, and to make it happen as soon as possible; this would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

**Hiring/Recruitment of Coaches: (Agenda Item #IV)**

Mark McCarthy reviewed the current process; he said there was not a set review policy in place. Superintendent Smith recommended evaluating coaches individually at the beginning and end of every year/season. Chair Kirk said input from the community on coach performance was important; how do we establish

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a process that solicits input? More discussion was needed including review of salaries/stipends/etc. Additional help in Mr. McCarthy's office would make things easier; more funding was needed.

Discussion of hiring teachers to be coaches, hiring coaches to be teachers, how and where the priority was set; could coaching be emphasized a bit more in the hiring process?

**Sports Offerings/Participation/Title 9:** (Agenda Item #V)

Tabled.

**Entrance Fees for Athletic Events Discussion:** (Agenda Item #VI)

Tabled.

**Adjournment:** (Agenda Item #VII)

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE ATHLETICS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:07 AM; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**Meetings/Events:**

— Athletic Sub-Committee Meeting – February 14, 2023 at 8:00AM by Zoom

**Documents on File:**

- 1) 2.7.23 Athletics Sub Committee Agenda.docx
- 2) II. Athletics Budget.pdf
- 3) III. Winter Coaching Staff 2022-23.xlsx
- 4) III. Spring Coaching Staff 2023.xlsx
- 5) III. Fall Coaching Staff 2022-23.xlsx
- 6) V. mvrhs sports offerings (1).pdf

**Respectfully submitted,**



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**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

March 28, 2023

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**Date**

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**Kimberly Kirk – Athletics Chair**

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**Richard M. Smith, Ed.D – MVRHSD Superintendent**

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**Date**

*APPROVED MARCH 28, 2023*