

**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Athletics Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 8:00 AM**  
**Zoom**

Present: Chair – Kimberly Kirk\*, Kris O'Brien, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer\*, Michael Watts\*  
Others/Staff: Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,  
Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Facilities Director – Mike Taus, Roxanne Ackerman  
Physical Therapist (*Shared Services Staff*) – Molly Chvatal  
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski \*Late arrivals or early departures of Sub-Committee members (see \* in text)

*\*Kimberly Kirk, due to travel, had technical issues throughout.*

*\*Kathryn Shertzer arrived later and Michael Watts left earlier.*

**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 8:04 AM on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Chair Kirk said Louis Paciello would conduct the meeting, as she was driving to Boston, MA. Participation was available remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, it was suggested that participants join via the Zoom audio and reserve video links for Committee members and administration; the meeting was recorded.

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

**Update on Safe Sport Implementation: (Agenda Item #II)**

Mark McCarthy said he was working with gym teacher Tony Mottola, as Mr. Mottola had experience with the SAFESPORT Program prior to joining the MVRHS. Mr. McCarthy said there were 60 coaches in total and with the additional volunteers throughout; training was \$20.00/person; Suzanne Cioffi said there was funding available for training in the spring sports budget; the spring sports season began on March 20, 2023.

Chair Kirk said she would be happy to be involved and work with Mr. Mottola; she wanted to have a chance to review the options and to make recommendations at the next meeting, to move this along in a timely manner.

**Review Data on Participation Numbers by Sport and Available roster spots. Le. JV no JV:**  
(Agenda Item #III)

Mr. McCarthy reviewed the process he had taken to arrive at the numbers - he said it took a significant amount of time. The total number of athletes that played at least one sport was 367 or 48% of the total MVRHS student population, (total number of students was 770); there were 568 opportunities or 74% of the student population.

Discussion

- ❖ Sports that could be in danger due to lack of participation.
- ❖ The boys and girls breakdown for participation; Mr. McCarthy would provide this at the next meeting.
- ❖ How students were included in participation numbers, players in-season sports versus out-of-season play; sports outside of the high school system including off-Island leagues.
- ❖ The opportunities for softball as a sport including feeder teams for girls; crossover between softball and baseball could not occur, players had to pick a team.

All were in agreement the numbers were greater than what was accounted for, as there were many opportunities for play.

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**Any Requests for New Sports: (Agenda Item #IV)**

Mr. McCarthy said wrestling was in a position to move forward and would be a winter sport; the coach was pushing for this to be a Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) sport. Space and budget needed to be considered. If the coach found a place, the committee needed to find the budget. He said if the space was not a concern, funding was the needed next step - start up costs were about \$25,000 with annual fees thereafter; it was similar to track and cross country with travel, tournament entry fees, officials, etc. There was good momentum for this program; if a mat could be funded privately, that would be a huge lift.

Start-up expenses:

1. \$10,000 per mat
2. \$50/per player, \$1000 for uniforms
3. 2 coaches \$5,000-\$10,000
4. \$300 per tournament
5. Cleaning supplies

Kathryn Shertzer recommended the coach present at a full committee meeting; Jeremy Light said he would make that happen.

[Volleyball had come up, but no one was willing to take the lead ; it currently was a drop in/recreational activity.]

**Discussion on Primary Equipment Purchases and Boosters: (Agenda Item #V)**

Please see the document on file for the full list.

Highlights:

- Drinking water on the other side of Sanderson Road: \$10,000 estimate (potable water)
- Robotic painting machine, annual lease \$15,000 (planned into the FY24 budget)
- Scoreboard on the Field Hockey Field. \$8,000 installed
- Gym scoreboard replacement, approx 25 years old
- Weight room upgrade
- Removal of lip on the game field

Members had a lengthy discussion over whether the budget was meeting the needs of the students;

Ms. Cioffi recapped and said if money was left at the end of the school year, there would be an option to target athletics with an organized presentation for line transfers.

**Overall Athletic Budget Comparisons Nantucket: (Agenda Item #VI)**

Ms. Cioffi said she would have a true comparison/breakdown for the next meeting.

**Coaches Salaries/Evaluations: (Agenda Item #VI)**

Mr. McCarthy said more time was needed to formalize the evaluation process.

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

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE ATHLETICS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:24 AM;  
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**Meetings/Events:**

— Athletic Sub-Committee Meeting – March 14, 2023 at 8:00 AM format TBD

**Documents on File:**

- 1) 2.15.23 Athletics Sub Committee Agenda.docx
- 2) 2021-22 Athletes.xlsx
- 3) Athletic Subcommittee Updates 2\_15\_23.docx
- 4) CourseCatalog--Safe Sport 2.14.2023.pdf
- 5) II. Safesport Catalogue.pdf
- 6) VI. FY2024 Nantucket Athletics Budget.pdf
- 7) VII. 2022-23 Coaches Salary Spreadsheet.xlsx
- 8) VII. Nantucket Coaching Salaries.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*