

Loyalsock Township School District

Student Activities/Athletics Committee

*Board Conference Room
1720 Sycamore Road
Montoursville, PA 17754*

September 16, 2010

Minutes

1. **Time – 3:30 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call – Sheila Yates, Chair**

BOARD MEMBERS

- Edward Ade
- Margaret Piper
- Sheila Yates, Chair

ADMINISTRATION

- Matthew Reitz, Loyalsock Township High School Principal
- Jeffrey Hartmann, Assistant High School Principal
- Robert Gaetano, Middle School Principal
- Dayne Waller, Supervisor of Special Education
- Christina Herman, Director of Student Services & Career Development
- Ronald Insinger, Athletic Director
- Robert Grantier, Superintendent of Schools

OTHERS

- Many others were in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves.

3. **Drug & Alcohol Survey Review**

- Mrs. Herman presented the PA Youth Survey Results. Mr. Hartmann had condensed the survey into a brief form and reviewed various portions of the survey. The survey is confidential, but may be obtained from Mrs. Herman or Mr. Hartmann for those who would like to review it.
- Most in attendance felt the survey confirmed our need for the reasonable suspicion as well as the need for random drug testing.
- Attending students stated that they believe there is a problem in the school. They also felt that the source of the problem was due to parents who may not be as vigilant against alcohol.
- Mrs. Herman stated that generally middle school students tend to exaggerate their activity on surveys and high school students tend to downplay their usage.

4. **Reasonable Suspicion Review**

- Mr. Grantier reviewed the current reasonable suspicion policy that has been implemented since the beginning of the fall sports season. He stated it was really a continuation of what already has been done and that every level has been addressed. He reviewed the blood test, urinalysis, and breathalyzer procedures. He stated that these are tools to address and to send the message to students that the administration is serious about this issue.
- The student panel thought that the district already had a policy in place. A draft policy was distributed to the students.
- Dr. Galloway questioned when we do a rapid test if we send it out for verification? She recommended that we do split specimens on the urinalysis allowing for no doubt on results.
- Mr. Ade questioned if a blood test was more accurate. Dr. Galloway replied that a blood test is not more accurate.
- The student panel wanted to know if a student lied prior to the test by saying that they had not used anything and the test was positive, would more stringent consequences occur?
- Mr. Grantier reiterated that this policy is not meant to be punitive. Our goal is to help students change their lifestyles and to make healthy life choices.
- Dr. Reitz addressed short term pain vs. long term benefit.
- The student panel was very inquisitive of the policy and how it was going to be used.

5. **Community Awareness Program**

- **Safe House Program**
Mr. Grantier explained the Safe House Program. The Safe House Program is a system where parents agree if they are going to have students in their home for any reason, they will not allow alcohol.
- **MS Parent-to-Parent**
Mr. Grantier explained the MS Parent-to-Parent program.

6. **Loyalsock Task Force**

Mr. Grantier briefly spoke about incorporating the community into the process combining all stakeholders including, but not limited to community members, youth sports teams, local agencies, law enforcement, school staff, and students.

7. **Student Drug Testing**

Mr. Grantier distributed a draft of a Student Drug Testing policy. He made reference to some highlighted areas of the policy for everyone to address. Everyone in the room was asked to review the policy on their own time and note any changes or questions to Cheri King via email.

8. **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on October 7, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. at the District Service Center. All in attendance were asked to come to the meeting ready to make corrections and tweak the policy.

9. **Adjournment @ 5:00 p.m.**