CIAC Football Committee

Minutes

8/25/20

1. Mr. Williams welcomed the Committee and introduced Gregg Simon.
2. Mr. Simon stated that the CIAC BOC voted to not move football to the spring.
   1. No fall sport will be moved to the spring
   2. The CIAC is working with DPH to understand and perhaps modify DPH recommendations.
   3. We can continue conditioning
   4. Our plan is to play football this fall. We believe that the potential to play is right now.
3. Mr. Lungarini spoke to the committee.
   1. Clarified CAPS and our medical team reported to the BOC.
   2. CAPS is mixed between superintendents who think they can play and those who can not play. Therefore CAPS would not voice an opinion one way or another.
   3. No evidence that the spring is going to be better. Metrics in the spring will not be better in the spring or winter to support high risk sports.
   4. We want to give our kids any opportunity we can. Since July 6 the metrics have stayed steady, or improved.
   5. The information in the private sector rules supports continuing current levels of activities.
   6. Municipalities still have the choice for continuing high risk activities. AAU Basketball is an example.
   7. CIAC continues to push DPH for a position on all high risk sports.
   8. Glenn and CIAC continually to look at the metrics.
   9. NFHS has clarified that the document they put out was done in May. it was not an absolute statement, it was a conversation starter.
   10. The goal for this committee is to decide what is the best course for football now.
   11. The concept of playing football in the spring is slim.
   12. Glen reiterated the CIAC guidelines in the CIAC Fall Plan. However, schools are now starting later. Therefore the schedule in the Fall Plan is being pushed later. Also, Cohorts are being reduced to 10.
   13. Football will proceed with non contact conditioning and skill work.
   14. We need to be prepared with moderate and low risk activities if the metrics change.
   15. CIAC is seeking the football committee’s ideas and expertise for alternative activities.
   16. Glenn emphasized that the course going forward must remain flexible.

1. The committee asked Mr. Lungarini some clarifying questions.
   1. The CIAC has been continually asking from DPH throughout the crisis from March to the present and has not received any communications until now.
   2. CIAC has been relying on the CIAC medical experts.
   3. Each state has had pockets. No sport that has started in other states has had to shut down. Other states have more favorable weather which will allow different sports to move to different seasons. It is not feasible to do so in connecticut.
   4. DPH indicated that they will be in touch with us. Our intention is to send out to schools our plan to move forward.
   5. Glenn is trying to get information from DPH about protocols to return after a positive tests.
   6. We need to update our guidelines and send them to Athletic Directors and coaches.

1. Mr. Simon reviewed the guidelines for the next few weeks up to September 13, and then we look at the prospect of increasing contact in football.
2. There was a brief discussion about schools that are not starting sports on time.
   1. Virtual contact is still permissible.
   2. There needs to be a progressive careful start for these schools to condition properly.
3. Mr. Williams clarified four questions that have to be answered.
   1. What happens if a team has to stop play?
   2. How long would they have to stop play if kids test positive?
   3. What is the protocol for an individual who tests positive to return?
   4. How Frequently does equipment need to be wiped down?
4. The committee needs to look at alternatives to keep kids active and involved. In September the CIAC will make a decision going forward. Therefore the season is fluid.
5. A discussion took place on moving football to the spring.