CIAC Sportsmanship Committee

Minutes

5/5/2021

I WELCOME – Mr. Salutari welcomed the committee.

II ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 3, 2021 MEETING – The committee approved the minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting.

III REPORT FROM STUDENT ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. A new video will be coming out soon
2. The last meeting of the SAD Committee is coming up
3. Schools can nominate new members in August

IV REPORT FROM STUDENT EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD –

1. Student presentations are coming up
2. Recordings will be posted June 8
3. A recording by 11 students, produced by John Holt, was fantastic
4. Conference on October 25 – “Diversity and Equity Inclusion”
5. Participated in “Finding the Good” program

V OFFICIALS REPORT

1. Mr. Scavone continues to work on Coach/Official communication document. This will be a priority for next year.

VI CIAC SUMMER SERIES –

a. Mr. Simon updated the committee on the CIAC Summer Series.

VII SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE INITIATIVES

1. Officials Appreciation – Mr. Velardi sent out an invitation to ADs to participate in Officials Appreciation events this spring.
2. Class Act Schools – Mr. Simon is working with a school to become a Class Act School. He will communicate with league commissioners at an upcoming meeting. He will present information to CAAD.
3. COVID Related Issues – Mr. Simon gave an overview of the issues around the spring sports season and the tournament.

VIII TECHNICAL FOULS IN BASKETBALL – Mr. Simon reported that the basketball committee discussed monitoring technical fouls.

IX OPEN DISCUSSION ON SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGHOUT THE CIAC

The committee discussed several items/ideas for CIAC Sportsmanship going forward:

1. There was agreement to involve students more and encourage their participation on this committee. Perhaps in-person meetings next year will foster better involvement.
2. There is a concern about how people will behave once fans/spectators return next year. How can we send out reminders about behavior in light of some ugliness in society.
3. A suggestion of a sustained media campaign led by students to support and promote good sportsmanship.
4. How to educate students in “What is appropriate criticism on social media.”
5. How to sustain the feeling of good will and sportsmanship, and appreciation for playing sports that occurred during the pandemic. How to maintain a good climate of sportsmanship.
6. Ms. Miller-Odukwe acknowledged the work of Jon Winer an CRAL for their outstanding work in supporting sportsmanship and acceptance in their league.

IX NEXT MEETING – will be in the fall of 2021. Information will go out this summer.