

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Center
2229 E. Buck Road, Pennsburg, PA

Extracurricular Committee

VIRTUAL Meeting

November 19, 2020 – 6:00 pm

CHAIR: Peg Pennepacker

MEMBERS:

Mike Elliott

Dana Hipszer

Superintendent:

Ex-Officio: Dr. Kerry Drake, President

Dr. Allyn Roche

AGENDA

1. Approval of October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
2. Old Business
 - a. Identification of Building Extracurricular Activities Update
3. New Business
 - a. Conversations with Colby Phillips, NHS Advisor and Dr. Mark Thomas, UPHS Choral Director.
4. Committee Member Comments
5. Public Comments
6. Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Mission Statement -To recognize and support the educational values inherent in student participation in extra-curricular activities and support the concept of student organizations for such purposes as building social relationships, developing interests in a specific area, and gaining an understanding of the elements and responsibilities of good citizenship. Furthermore, to recognize the value of extra-curricular activities as an integral part of the total school experience for all District students as they provide a conduit for community involvement.

Vision - Champion, support and celebrate the extraordinary efforts of students participating in extracurricular activities; Bring awareness to the extracurricular activities that are available to students in the school district; Support and ensure fairness in the opportunities available to all students in the school district with regard to gender, race or economic standing.

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1. Approval of September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) – Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Mr. Hipszer motion to approve minutes and second by Ms. Pennepacker – minutes approved 2-0.
 - a. In Attendance – Ms. Pennepacker, Mr. Hipszer, Mr. Kurzweg, Ms. Holman, Dr. Roche
2. Old Business
 - a. Identification of building extracurricular activities:
 - i. Mr. Hipszer (Marlborough & Hereford) – Science Explorers Program and Reading Olympics
 - ii. Ms. Pennepacker (High School) – Collected a list from the HS principal and a link to the HS Website
 - iii. Question – how to catalog the long list of school activities across the District
 - b. Sports/Band/Choir Fundraising Scholarship – Ms. Pennepacker shared with the group that we have a fund available for the athletics, musicians and singers to support financial needs based upon the criteria that is previously established. What is the best way to share this scholarship info – Ms. Pennepacker is going to follow-up with Dr. Thomas to make sure he is aware of the opportunity.
3. New Business – Conversations with:
 - a. Mr. Robert Kurzweg, UPSD Athletic Director – Mr. Kurzweg shared an update on athletics – going great since July, students and coaches have followed the Health & Safety Plan, Athletic Trainers have been a tremendous support through this entire process, daily screenings are taking place, in depth conversation on the NFHS network, camera and program system for the two turf fields and the HS gymnasium, overview of the ability for NFHS and impact for coaches, game film

and the ability to exchange film with other teams, some small technical issues and hoping to get the scoreboard at Keeney Stadium connected on future games
Question on future vision for Upper Perk Athletics – maybe a topic for a future meeting when Mr. Kurzweg is attending.

- b. Ms. Robin Holman, UP High School Interim Band Director – Mrs. Holman shared an update on the Marching Band, goal to follow the Health & Safety Plan, Continue to have a field show (socially distanced), Band Shows on Oct 9th (recording available on NFHS site) and Oct 17th Homecoming Show at 1:00pm, volunteer parent pit crew is helpful this year with the increased participation in the pit area, participating in a virtual competition this year with feedback from the judges this Saturday at 6:00pm, 59 students in the current marching band (lost 6 to Covid-19 concerns), looking forward to adding more band front members that are coming from the middle school, MS band (6th – 8th) is growing and is currently at 147 students at this time.
4. Comment – Next meeting on November 19, 2020 – Dr. Roche will extend the Invites to NHS (Colby Phillips) and Choir (Dr. Mark Thomas) to attend the meeting.
5. Adjourn – 6:45pm