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VPA ACTIVITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 29, 2013
Conference Call

Members Present: Joe Harrington, Amy Molina, Bob Davis, Bill Lawson,
Rob Reardon, Frank Spencer, Chris Hodsden, Joe DeBonis,
Pam Arnold, Jay Hartman, Bob Johnson

Also Present: Matt Link (AD, Montpelier HS), Tess Lawson-Adams (student)

Minutes:

- request from Montpelier/Northfield/Williamstown to dissolve cooperative football team due to a lack of numbers.

Motion by Amy, Second by Joe H., to allow Montpelier/Northfield/Williamstown football team to dissolve. Vote – approved unanimously (7-0)

- request from Whitcomb and Rochester to be allowed to pursue establishing a cooperative girls basketball team for the 2014-2014 school year.

Discussion – request is before ASC because the schools realize they will not meet the 6 month notice to establish a team. Petition from girls at Whitcomb and Rochester was sent to the VPA and the schools. AD's are supportive of this request and would like to pursue the possibility. Whitcomb/Rochester currently have cooperative teams in boys and girls soccer.

Motion by Amy, second by Rob, to allow the formation of a girls basketball team between Whitcomb and Rochester for the 2013-2014 school year. Final paperwork needs to be to the VPA by 9/13/13. Vote – approved unanimously (8-0).

- hardship hearing from Montpelier High School (conducted in Executive Session).

Motion by Rob, second by Jay, to approve Montpelier High Schools request for an additional semester of eligibility for Tess Lawson-Adams. Vote – Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-1. Motion approved.

- request from Bellows Falls UHS to allow an 8th grader from the Compass School to participate on BF's Varsity Soccer Team. Discussion – student has a high level of skill and coaches feel it would be inappropriate for him to participate on a middle school team. BFUHS was notified today that the BF

Middle School was canceling its soccer team due to a lack of numbers. As a result, there are no options for the student to play soccer in the school district. Concern expressed that this would set a precedent as BFUHS is significantly above the VPA fifty student policy that allows for the use of 8th graders on high school teams. This would have a real potential for additional request. ASC denied a similar request last year for a Burlington 8th grader to participate on the Burlington HS hockey team.

Motion by Amy, second by Bob D., to approve Bellows Falls UHS request to use an 8th grader from the Compass School on its varsity soccer team. Vote – Yes-1, No-7. Motion defeated.

- adjourned