

October Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2022
Guidance Conference Room
Keystone JR.-Sr. High School

Members present: Mr. Barrett, Mr. Beary, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Willison, Mr. Best, and Mrs. McNaughton

1. Letter of interest from William Weaver for the Head Boys' Varsity Track and Field Coach. The recommendation was made to hire Mr. Weaver for the position as he was hired as the Assistant Boys' Varsity Track and Field Coach last year.
2. A discussion was had regarding the saving of seats at home varsity football games. It was acknowledged that this practice is done at many other schools, but it was given some parameters a few years ago at Keystone that are no longer being followed. The practice has gone far beyond saving a few seats to saving entire rows that end up not being utilized. It was stated again that fans can come starting at 4:00 p.m. on game day to save seats. This practice will be instituted next year. There will be an announcement made at the last home football game sharing this information. It will also be shared in the "Welcome Back" letter next school year.
3. Information was discussed regarding the start of the Competitive Cheer. In the PIAA handbook, it states that the first day of Competitive Cheer Practice is on August 15th even though Competitive Cheer is designated a winter sport. We are going to reach out to District 9 personnel to determine the reasoning for this and to get more clarification.
4. The cheerleaders have been using the vans to travel to the football games. In an effort to reduce transportation costs, they will now share transportation with the marching band.
5. Another portable AED will be purchased to be utilized during sports practices and contests.
6. It has been reported that adults are openly vaping at football and volleyball games. Announcements will be made at each of these events that tobacco and vape products are not permitted on school property and the use of these products can result in a removal from the premises. Game managers and security have also been made aware of the issue.
7. A discussion regarding coaches agreeing to meetings with parents to discuss playing time was had. The board is holding firm with their previous position that meetings such as these will not take place. The council understands coaches are trying to be accommodating and have open communication, but requests for these types of meetings will not be granted.