

BAAC Meeting Notes
April 15, 2020
Remote Meeting

Members Present:

Scott Thomas - Athletic Director, Barnstable High School
Katie Egan - Administrative Assistant, Barnstable High School Athletics
Ashley Bishop - Administrative Assistant, Barnstable High School Operations
Ted Guazzaloca - Teacher, Coach (basketball & lacrosse), Barnstable High School
Meghan Fligg - Teacher, Coach (soccer), Barnstable High School
Greg Dowling - Parent, Quarterback Club President
Renee Dowling - Parent, Barnstable Recreation Commission Liaison
Bonnie Stanely - Parent
Morgan Dardia - Junior, Barnstable High School Student
Bridget Botelho - Senior, Barnstable High School Student

Members Not Present:

Robin Vine - Parent
Abby Al-Asousi - Senior, Barnstable High School Student
Colby Burke - Senior, Barnstable High School Student
Harry Lanman - Senior, Barnstable High School Student
Michael Martir - Senior, Barnstable High School Student
Jenn Swaylik - Parent
Scott Swaylik - Parent
Diahann Cordeiro - Parent
Tabitha Thomas - School Psychologist, Barnstable High School
Julia Ryan - Teacher, Coach (soccer, basketball, softball), Barnstable High School

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- 1:00 pm: The MIAA is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 20, 2020, in order to discuss the potential for a 2020 spring athletic season. As of earlier this week they were still optimistic about some level of spring participation.
 - Scott - has asked all coaches to reach out to their players via phone, in order to touch base. Many coaches have already connected with their respective teams and are meeting remotely (virtually) and/or offering remote teaching/coaching techniques and strategies. Coaches are coming up with creative ways of keeping kids engaged in all areas of life. At times we can all feel “less effective”

in our strategies, but in general we are doing an overall positive job for our student-athletes.

- The MIAA will not make the final decision on the spring season. Instead they will defer to the Governor of Massachusetts and the Board of Education.
- We are currently scheduled to return to school on May 4, 2020. That would in essence be the first day of the spring 2020 athletic season. The MIAA has determined that the same physical policy will remain in effect (every student-athlete will be required to have an up-to-date physical on file with the athletic office in order to be allowed to participate - physicals are good for 13 months from the date of service). That being said, the first day of practice will essentially need to be a “meet and greet” with coaches and teams in order to confirm active registrations, completed payment statuses and eligible physicals.
- All spring schedules have been updated and adjusted at this point in time with respect to the Cape and Islands League. There will be no, non-league games, resulting in roughly a 10 game schedule for most spring sports teams. The post season is scheduled to exist at this point in time, with a last available play date of June 24, 2020.
- The Cape and Islands League has mixed feelings about offering a return to play if the school year is pushed back to any date after May 4, 2020.
- Morgan and Bonnie - at this point kids would be happy with any level of participation.
- Ted - maybe we look at the possibility of an intra-mural season instead, where there is 1 hour of practice and skills, followed by an hour of game play. There would be no cuts made to the programs, and all events would occur at BHS and between BHS student-athletes, if the spring season needed to be truncated further.
- Renee - do any of the spring sports decisions pend the decision of whether or not April break will or will not occur? Scott - the only real issue regarding April break would be if we forgo the break week, then the end of the season would need to be adjusted by one week at the end of June.
- Morgan and Renee - kids and parents would prefer staying in school over break week and getting out a week earlier. People do not have travel plans at this point in time.

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- 1:30 pm - Scott - this is an emotionally challenging time for everyone. As a district, we are all working together in traveling this road. It is uncharted territory for everyone involved. What is the best way to reach the student-athletes if in

fact the spring 2020 season is cancelled? There have been discussions about the viability of a fall 2020 season, and if it were to occur what it would look like moving forward.

- Greg - is anything being done to address the condition of the stadium turf so that if we are able to return for the fall 2020 season, the field passes its G-Max testing? Scott - currently the field is closed but he will touch base with Dave Kanyock, in order to make sure that the current circumstances do not take away from our needs to address the stadium in both the short and long term for our student-athletes.
- The 1400 HVAC system construction is on as planned. Discussions are happening at many levels on the relocation of Keith and Holly so that they can best continue to treat and serve our athletes.
- Ashley - can we give honorary letters to our senior athletes? Scott - absolutely yes. Can we possibly work with Jim Gilbert to create social media highlights of senior athletes? Could we consider hosting an alumni baseball game once we are cleared to return to BHS so that seniors will get a chance to utilize the field? Scott - all great ideas.
- Scott - all student-athletes will be eligible for the spring 2020 season if and when one should occur. Given the trimester grading system, the fall 2020 season eligibility requirements would be based upon the final 2020 end of the spring yearly grades.
- Scott - Nauset did a virtual athletic awards night...is this something to consider if we are not able to return for the spring?
- Meghan - overall kids seem overwhelmed and confused with the online learning platform. Can we consider a virtual spring signing date?
- Kate - should we reach out to Mike Richard of the Barnstable Patriot and Matt Goisman of the Cape Cod Times to see if they are interested in running senior student-athlete highlight articles?
- Bridget - can we coordinate with the school newspaper since the focus has been primarily on COVID - 19 and they would like to get some athletics in there.
- Greg - 6 football scholarships where they are going to be reviewing applicants shortly. Has there been any word on the likelihood of senior awards night? Scott - not to my knowledge but I will check and get back to everyone.
- Greg - the Quarterback Club has drafted a proposal for the reinstating of Friday Night Lights Games. He wants to make sure that that stays on the agenda moving forward. Scott - has addressed these games with Patrick, who is willing to take a closer look at a proposal to see if some or all of the restrictions can be lifted or adjusted.

- Ashley - how do we reach incoming 8th graders if we do not return for the spring? Scott - virtual meetings will need to be the wave of the future as we move forward.
- Bridget - will facilities be open for the summer? Scott - after speaking with Dave Kanyock, at this point in time he was saying probably no, leaving all activities to occur on grass fields only (when and if social distancing restrictions are lifted by the state).
- Bonnie - is the athletic department doing anything to aid in the recruiting of juniors? Scott - as a department we are and will always be there for helping our student-athletes. We currently are not actively involved in that process as a department, but coaches are encouraged to assist athletes when necessary. Kate - much information coming out of the college ranks is that recruiting is at a standstill with the travel restrictions. Much of the focus has returned to the senior class and the viability of the 2024 class and the likelihood that they will arrive on campus this fall, and if they are still planning on committing in general. The recruiting platform will most definitely be taking a turn to more virtual looks for current and future classes given our situation.

Next BAAC Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
2:00 pm
Virtual Meeting