

Classification of Non Public and Charter School Committee

November 14, 2013

O'Brien's, Farmington, NY 9:00am

Attendance: Joe Sposato (past president), Chris Belmont, Tom Schmandt, Mike Bromley, Brian Moran, Mike Rapone, Rick Roche, Rich Calkins, Phil Merrill
Absent: Jim Newby, Rod Verkey (at large rep),

Minutes:

Batavia ND

Mike Rapone requested to once again present information on girls' basketball team; appealing a previous decision by the Committee to move to C3, after another transfer, moved once again to B2.

Request granted: 8-0

Points of Consideration brought to the committee:

1. **Inconsistent with previous decisions.** Comparison chart was presented on similar decision with boys' basketball team. Emphasis on 2 transfers in that instance yet only 1 for girls. One boy transfer came from a Class A school, this girl comes from a Class C school. Boy's team was moved to C1 and did not win.
2. **We feel that our current reclassification placement is excessive due to the pressure from the current atmosphere in Section V regarding Private Schools.** Presented committee with partial quotes from coaches around the Livingston County League and general statements surrounding the issue.
3. **Our Current reclassification is punitive in nature for us accepting a transfer who is a Student-Athlete.** (perceived impact) Compared previous transfers in other sports and their impact and/or lack of impact.

*Based on presentation wanted consideration to be reclassified to previous C1 status.

Discussion:

- 4 out of 5 returning from last year's state champion squad.
- Chairperson did not have an issue moving to B2 Classification as previously stated.
- #1 has always been a case by case decision.
- #2 has NOT influenced committee member's decisions. Integrity remains intact.
- #3 is not the nature of the committee. It is still designed to use the 'big picture' approach as to what is the best anticipated competitive level for each team.
- Question was brought up: If she entered prior to our first meeting, would the outcome have been the same?
- Nothing had additionally changed since the last decision; it was a full discussion... point / counterpoint then, and remained the same now.

Vote on the request to move back down: Denied 6-2 (1 abstained, 2 absent)

Still has right to appeal to Executive Committee of Section V.

Need to look at Girl/Boy Sports Champions Fall next meeting:

Girls:

Batavia ND Cross Country- C1 finished 2nd
HAC Volleyball
Batavia ND Volleyball may request to move up
Mercy Volleyball may request to move up

Boys:

Aquinas Football
Webster Christian Soccer (2 out 3 Sectional Championships)
McQuaid Volleyball may request to move up again

New Business:

Brian Moran is will finish the year as committee chair.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2014@ 9:30am
O'Brien's in Farmington