Junior Olympics District Committee Meeting #1

October 8th, 2012

Attending:

Almond Marcia Chmyz, Alix Apfelberg, Rasha Dessouki

Covington Kathleen Vitakis, Laura Torres, Julie Altinger

Gardner Bullis

Oak Beth Menden, Lynn Kondo

Loyola Tracy Vanoncini

Santa Rita Lori Borgard, Anna Mollerstedt, Margaret Kelleher

Springer Wendy Sarathay, Leslie Bosset, Christa Kidwell

Introductions

New and returning committee members introduced themselves. Marcia Chmyz will be chairing the committee, and Alix Apfelberg will be treasurer. Marcia, Alix, and Rasha Dessouki will have committee check signing privileges.

Assignments

School assignments were reviewed, and changes were discussed. Roles have been adjusted so that one school will have both electronic timing and computers as these functions are closely linked.

Budget

A draft of the 2013 budget was circulated. The food budget has been increased. It was suggested that funds for new cash boxes and (potentially)canopies also be added to the budget. Updated maps and event schedules may require an increase in the sign budget as well.

Programs

It was suggested that we not sell programs this year. The committee agreed to post all necessary information on the school and district websites, and to pass out programs at the event as needed.

Torchbearer Selection

The committee will gather and post suggested selection guidelines to be shared with principals and 6th grade teachers as appropriate.

Event Schedule Change

The committee discussed changing the event schedule so that the 75 yard dash and the hurdles were more spread out, allowing participants more time between sprints. A new schedule was proposed, and further adjusted, that would also eliminate the need to do two hurdle changes. New schedules will have to be clearly marked, and all previous schedules deleted or discarded to avoid potential confusion.

Relay Time Trials

Schools are being instructed to time 4 runs for each student, discard the fastest and slowest times, and average the remaining two.

Food

The possibility of using “food truck” vendors was discussed. This would increase the variety of food available, and reduce the need for volunteers. Kickbacks could be negotiated. Potential negatives were long, slow lines, higher food prices, and space availability. Committee members from Oak will follow up to get more detailed information.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5th @ 8:45AM in the District Boardroom.