MIAA Football Committee

Minutes – June 13, 2023

The sole purpose of meeting to vote on a final Playoff Proposal to be moved ahead to other committees for 2025 consideration.

Chair, Jay Costa, introduces plan for the day, subcommittee work highlights.
- Steve Dembowski, reviews highlights of the amended/edited proposal
    1. Remove the bye, allow 11 games.
    2. Schools just play nine games.
    3. Pointing out other bullet points and changes

Discussion by committee members
- Not in favor of in District 4; would like to see the survey of the coaches to see who
- District 9 and Patriot League, some coaches voted against it
- Dist 1, majority no, some concerns: some in favor and opposed; 7 seed lost to Randolph; do not extend into winter; very few from west would make it with top 8, 16 over 8; rural districts would not be able to travel to get enough points for top 8; plan a 10 game, 8 make it. Start early end early; 61% no 39% yes.
- Proposal is like CT, getting players up for consolation; senior night; 8 divisions good; how are the teams getting prepared, getting into tournament different for 11 games, value to play more games.
- Vocational tournament, Voc schools would count for PR; Southcoast would work well?
- District 6, admin standpoint, number of games 10-11 is a concern, many non-parochial schools look different, maybe not really want more games; competitive standpoint coaches support it, admin standpoint concerns to make the bell on a 11-game schedule, potential 12 to 13.
- In support, ground view is better for kids and coaches, football experience better, 10-11 games is better; more games into PR; local control could navigate winter season
- Shared with all boards; many that responded were in favor; consolation games some good some bad
- Format allows for some creativity; maybe central MA playoff good and could be valuable; is it a conversation starter with the TMC; could thanksgiving be a playoff game.
- Motion: Take this proposal, move ahead to further comm (B. Callaghan, M. Procaccini) 11-5-0

Meeting adjourned