

Albers/Damiansville Sports Co-op Information Feb 10, 2015

Use of both gyms for games and practice; is there a priority based on age, etc.? Both gyms are available, but most coaches wish to use the Albers gym. There are, however, some practices in Damiansville.

Hiring of coaches? The two superintendents and the athletic director interview the coaches. Albers Board hires them since the coaches are on Albers' payroll.

Hiring of athletic director? The two superintendents interview the candidates and the Albers Board hires them since the athletic director is on Albers' payroll.

Selection of refs/officials/stats/etc.? The AD takes care of this.

Pay schedule of athletic personal? As of now, it is part of Albers' teacher contract.

Uniform use/replacement/care/return policy? The Friends of the Cougars pay for uniforms and determine the return policy.

Eligibility to play (grades/discipline)? Damiansville and Albers have the same sports policy and handbook.

Transportation costs to games; Transportation costs to practices; will both towns have opportunities to drive; what is best financially? Which sports will we provide transportation to and which practices? The only time students are transported to and from games is if the athletic event starts by or before 4:30pm. If a bus is needed, the Friends of the Cougars pays for the bus. The schools typically use Zee's Bus Service since Albers' has a contract with them. The concern if Damiansville buses are used is who would assume the cost if something happens to the bus on the way to or from the event.

Team pick-up in both towns? The coaches of all of the sports want the kids at the gym for a walk-through before the bus leaves, so there is no need for this. If this changes, we can look at it again.

Pep rally locations? Albers does not have a way to get the kids here for pep rallies so they are held at Albers. This is only once a year, sometimes twice a year.

Use of funds earned from games? Funds are used to pay officials and, if there is any left, it is used to pay for coaches, buses, supplies, etc. There is barely enough to cover the officials.

Cost to participate in sports? Albers does not charge for their kids to participate, Damiansville does.

Overall cost for sports program? For the 12-13 school year, the total cost of the sports program was \$20,861.46. The income from the gate was \$5,506.96. Both schools had to pay half of \$15,344.50, which left Damiansville half \$7,672.25.

For the 13-14 school year, the total cost of the program was \$18,827.59. The income from the gate was \$9,674.00. Both schools had to pay half of \$9,153.59, which left Damiansville's half at \$4,576.80.