

ASC options for recouping outstanding Student bills.

Since December 2018 when I took over the treasure position for ASC we have had 6 students leave the district or graduate with a balance. The total from these 6 students totals 2987.08.

The important issue we need to focus on is that we do not have recourse when the students leave or graduate to recoup the balance. We have been told by the DO that they cannot hold transcripts. Or if a family member was employed by the district; hold funds if there are any due. The reasoning is that the ASC is a separate entity and that is not their responsibility.

And while I can see their reasoning- The ASC is in the position to manage the funds required for the students to travel for district sports- BECAUSE- the district does not handle this. So what do we do? We send statements out every quarter keeping students aware of the balance they have. However if they choose to ignore the requests for payment what is our recourse?

As treasurer I spend approximately 10-15 hours a month on treasure responsibilities.

Also on a side note - the numbers of parent and community participants in the ASC has fallen sharply over the last few years. There is likely many reasons for this- one that has been voiced by a number of individuals- is that they do not want do anything with the sports. The requirement to handle sports related issues has overshadowed the original purpose of our ASC's. We are currently functioning more like a booster club. We have also seen a sharp decline in support of fundraising opportunities. This is due to changing demographics in our community, and the fatigue our community is experiencing due to the prolonged pressure for support. Our small community is tired, financially stretched, and as a result - is not able to cover the large amount of money required for yearly sports travel. This makes our athletes and coaches job of fundraising to covering the travel expenses even more challenging.

Respectfully,

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