

**School Board Meeting/Workshop:**

**July 13, 2015**

**Subject:**

BCMS 2015-16 Spring  
Activities

**Presenter:**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Report only

**DESCRIPTION:**

The 2016 spring activity season was a fun, enjoyable season. We were outside in a very timely manner and we had good participation and very few rain delays. Our total number of participants was down from 2014-15. However, our intramural numbers were larger last spring.

Again, our softball numbers were low. This trend seems to be more about female sports than it does about softball. We have talked about girls basketball and the low numbers there across the conference. We hired just three coaches last spring and that seemed like the right amount and I know from talking to both coaches and players that the ones who came out enjoyed a good spring.

Our track team was also down in numbers last spring. When separated out, you will see that we actually had more boys last spring than in 2014-15, but we had 21 fewer girls come out last spring. Again, something we need to keep an eye on, but might just be something specific with these grades. Last spring, we added former BHS Track athlete Megan Ackerman as a coach. Her enthusiasm and energy were very welcome and appreciated by the kids. At times it seems like a lot of herding of cats at track meetings, but these coaches do a great job of putting kids in positions/events where they have a great chance to succeed. It is awesome to see these kids finish an event and see the smiles on their faces.

Boys tennis welcomed Anna Busch as our new coach in the spring. This was a great addition. After losing Krista I was very concerned about the quality of coach we would find to replace her. We lucked out when Anna agreed to join us. She is great with kids and knows a lot about tennis. The number of boys participating went up last year and the quality of talent remained high as we competed well against everyone else in the conference.

Golf was also down in participation numbers last spring. I believe this was a one time thing. Golf remains a popular sport and we have good coaches who kids enjoy. Our partnership with Buffalo Heights is a very positive one and I know they appreciate us as much as we appreciate them.

Continuing the trend, our baseball numbers were also down. We had 22 at each grade level. That low of a turnout was disappointing. Our 8th grade is coached by Dave Holler and Tom Gould. Both are passionate about coaching and it shows in level of play for our 8th graders. Our 7th grade team was coached by Darren Hanson and Mark West. When I hire non-teachers, I spend time to make sure the coach gets the philosophy of middle school, loves kids and knows how to coach. I hit a homerun with Darren and Mark. Darren is passionate

about baseball, very organized and loves working with kids. I look for this age level of kids to be very strong as they get to the high school. They play really good baseball in the spring and in the summer travel league.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- BCMS Spring Sports Participation