

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

September 14, 2015

Subject:

2015 BCMS Activities Report

Presenter:

John Hayden

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

None

DESCRIPTION:

2015 was a spring activity season the way you draw it up. We were outside in a very timely manner, we had good participation and very few rain delays. Our total number of participants was about the same as last year. That includes an intramural program that brought more students in.

Softball was the one program that I have some concerns about. I know that sounds funny when Nick is about to talk about the high school team going to the State Tournament. Our numbers are down considerably. This was the second year in a row we had this low of numbers. In my time here, I have never had to cancel a program due to not enough kids. Last spring I did cancel 7th grade softball due to not having enough girls to play. We had to combine the grades and just played an 8th grade schedule. This troubling trend is going to need to be addressed this year. Varsity coach Brad Zrust has been very involved at the middle school level and is aware of the issues.

Looking back at our track numbers, I saw in 2012 we had 101. In 2013, we had 105. Those years we talked about how high our numbers were. Last spring, we had 155. That is a huge number, which is awesome, but again causes our coaches some issues when it comes to meets and figuring out how many events kids can participate in. We have been turned down by schools from coming to their meets due to our large numbers. When you have a deep team like ours, it is inevitable that we will have some good athletes. That was the case again last year. We took home a number of awards in the meets we were in.

Coach Krista Steven's boys tennis team also saw an increase in participation. Her numbers have steadily improved every year she has had the program. Her report was that they were a very fun, hard working group that performed very well in their matches.

Golf numbers were down just a bit for the first time in a number of years. We usually cap it at 50 due to the limitations of the course and the number of golfers we are allowed in matches. However, last spring we only had 43 students sign up for golf. It was nice not having to turn anyone away, but disappointing that we were not able to fill it up. We work well with the golf course and I would like to continue to fill the course as much as we can.