

**School Board Meeting/Workshop:**

**June 8, 2015**

**Subject:**

BCMS Winter Board Report

**Presenter:**

**John Hayden**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

None

**DESCRIPTION:**

Participation numbers this winter were very similar to last year. Overall, we were down seven participants, but that still puts us at five hundred and twenty six total participants. We only offer three sports in the winter, so the large majority of those kids are participating in something other than basketball or wrestling. That could be an activity such as knowledge bowl, an intramural activity such as art club, or a musical group.

We increased our girls basketball numbers this year by ten from forty six to fifty six. Coaches Jackie Hillstrom and Joel Gilmer worked with the seventh grade and Barry Johnson and Troy Holland again coached the eighth grade. Because of our large numbers, we were able to bring Dave Holler in to help as a fifth coach. Adding the fifth coach allowed us to separate more in practice, and also to allow more girls to play games. Competitively, BCMS was again one of the best teams in the conference, losing just a handful of games between the four levels.

Boys basketball went second this year as opposed to first last year. That did not decrease our numbers. We have always traditionally had high numbers in boys basketball. Seventy three boys came out this year, down only five from a very high number last year. Dave Holler was also hired to help with the boys season. Dave's main role is to diminish the player coach ratio and help get kids more touches of the ball in both practice and games. Again, another way we were able to get kids more game time was to send two 'B' teams to certain games to allow for a more equal distribution of playing time. That only works because the level of our talent from top to bottom is higher than most schools in our conference.

Our wrestling numbers were down this year. However, the quality of wrestling was up. We used some younger kids to offset the lower number at the upper level. Adding those kids increased the excitement and intensity in the wrestling room. When our kids went to tournaments they were always at the top. It was frustrating having to give away so many points due to having to forfeit certain weight classes. Overall, a positive year that saw a number of kids wrestling in the State Tournament combined with the youth program.

While our sports numbers were slightly down, our activities numbers were up and put us very close to the number of participants we had last year. Winter activities included Speech, Knowledge Bowl, Drama, Yearbook, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, Math Counts, Student Council, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Singers, Guys Group, and Chamber Orchestra. We also added a weight training intramural program run by Chad Anderson. It was a great program for our athletes. With all of these activities you can see it is a great time for kids to get involved. It is a busy place even in the "dead" of winter.