

School Board Workshop:

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Subject:

BCMS Winter Activities Report

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

NONE

DESCRIPTION:

BCMS Theater had a different look this year. Last spring, I was put in touch with Debb Bestland who is active in producing plays at the High School. She was interested in directing our Middle School Play. Along with her husband Gregg, Debb put together one of the best theater experiences we have had at the Middle School. Thirty-three students were involved in our production and together they put on one show on a Saturday afternoon. The acting, set design and presentation were phenomenal.

Knowledge Bowl had a great winter also. Two teams coached by Rob Nosbush and Eric Cagle. It is easy to see why this activity is doing so well. It is a fun activity that allows kids to take advantage of skills that they don't normally get to show off. Being smart is cool. The coaches have added to this activity by keeping things fun for the kids.

Our student council, math league, speech team, yearbook, and various choir, band and orchestra groups all continued to offer students opportunities this winter. Many of these activities were not offered last year, so it was great to have the building busy in the winter again. The winter season at BCMS is a great time for students to take advantage of opportunities like these to participate in activities not related to athletic competition.

Wrestling again had a small but passionate group of students participating. Tyler Reiss and Paul Olsen again coached the team. This year however, they were joined by Jason Mauer. Jason loved his time working with our kids and the kids really took to his fun, infectious personality. It was a great fit for everyone. I am hopeful this will start an upward trend in participation numbers in this sport.

Boys basketball had a veteran staff. Corey Moore and Joel Gilmer were back working with the boys this year. They were joined by Barry Johnson, who has been away from the Middle School program for a couple of years while he was working with the Girls Varsity program. Also joining the boys was Dom Gilmer. Dom coached at the Middle School four years ago and came back to help out this year. Numbers for the boys were up this year as we were finally feeling like we are back to normal. We had a drop off of 8th graders coming out but we looked into why and found the reason and made some adjustments and feel good about things moving forward. Because of the lack of 8th graders coming out, we struggled at the 8th grade 'A' level but were tremendously successful in 7th grade.

One of the things that have made our basketball programs successful in getting kids out has been our consistency in coaching. The Girls teams were coached by three of the same coaches that coached the boys. The only difference was we welcomed Stephanie McGinn to the staff in place of Dom. Stephanie brings a lot of experience from Shakopee and Chanhassen. Our numbers were very high this year. Forty-three participants is more than we have had in a long time. It was fun to watch these kids work together as they had successful seasons.

It was busy and enjoyable being around the building after school this winter.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- BCMS Winter Activities Participation Report