

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

May 9, 2011

Subject:

BCMS Winter Activities Report

Presenter:

John Hayden

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

None

DESCRIPTION:

This was an interesting winter in regards to participation. Our overall numbers were up compared to 2009-2010. However, while individual sports participation was up from last year, the numbers were slightly lower than two years ago, before the fee increase. We only have three sports in the winter and two of the three saw what I would consider significant increases over last year's drop in participation. Another increase in participation came in our activities. Activities such as Knowledge Bowl, Yearbook, Chamber Choir and Drama all saw increases in their numbers from 2009-2010.

The BCMS play this year was called "Dastardly Deeds, at Yoursin Mine". It was a comedic play that required more cast and crew than they had last year. All students did a wonderful job as the play was done well and kept the audience smiling. The play was again run by Jason Tornell and Teresa Weise.

Knowledge Bowl also saw a considerable increase in student participation this winter. There were two teams coached by Rob Nosbush and Evan Ronken. 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 yearbook, Chamber Choir, and 6th grade singers all improved upon participation from last year. All three of these activities are being run by teachers students who enjoy and do a great job of promoting their activity.

While Activity numbers were exciting, so too were the numbers in wrestling and boys basketball. Wrestling is slowly making a comeback from some dangerously low numbers of the past. Some of this increase can be attributed to having the varsity wrestling coach in the building. Another reason for the increase was the addition of Eric Cagle and Brandon Benzer as our coaches. It is very nice to have a teacher who is liked and respected like Mr. Cagle coaching. He brought an instant credibility to our program. Kids wanted to be there.

Boys basketball grew by eighteen from a year ago. Our total of seventy players in two grades is very encouraging and seems to prove that our fee is not too high. Buffalo is a basketball community, and I feel strongly that our participation should reflect that commitment to the sport. Coaches did a great job of keeping kids happy and making sure it is an enjoyable experience for the boys. Our eighth grade coaches, Troy Holland and Barry Johnson, have a lot of experience and make sure that when kids leave our program they are prepared for high school. With two new and popular seventh grade coaches this year, Ben Watkins and Joe Pokorney, I look forward to seeing high numbers next year in eighth grade.

Overall, I am very happy with our winter participation numbers. I believe it is proof that the activity fee increase of two years ago will not have a lasting effect on participation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Winter Participation Report 2010-11