

**School Board Meeting/Workshop:**

**September 11, 2017**

**Subject:**

BCMS 2017 Spring Activities

**Presenter:**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

None

**DESCRIPTION:**

The 2017 spring activity season was very messy. We got outside early due to a warm winter. However, after that quick start the rain just kept coming and coming. I don't remember a season that had so many cancellations. We would move a contest to a later date only to have it rain on that later date. Our total number of participants was down from 15-16. However, our intramural numbers were larger last spring.

Again, our softball numbers were low. However they were one higher than last year. Again, we hired just three coaches last spring and that seemed like the right amount. One of those coaches was Alum Maddy DeMarias. She came out to help work with our pitchers. She did an awesome job. As I look back on their schedule, they eventually lost 3 games due to weather.

Our track team was also down in numbers last spring. Being down in numbers though is still 112 athletes. We have always had a solid number of track kids and I know Coach Palmer recognizes the benefit for his program and does everything he can to help keep our program strong. I feel like we have finally solidified our track coaching positions. We were lucky enough to add Nikki Schahn and Andrea Carlson to our staff. Combining those two with the ageless Hansons proved to be a great combination. Both Nikki and Andrea have a wealth of track knowledge and a passion for working with young kids. Another positive was that our track team was able to use the new high school track for their meets. This was an awesome experience for these kids. Other schools also raved about the new facility. Keeping with the theme, our first home meet was held in horrible weather. Cold, windy and rainy. It was their first time on the new track however and the weather couldn't get the best of them as they had a great performance and enjoyed it greatly.

Boys tennis is an improving sport in Buffalo. While we were down three from 2016, we have become a program that develops quality tennis players. During the summer, our number of boys working with Mr. Lindstrom and Mr. Watkins has grown. That shows in our boys numbers in the spring. Now having Anna Busch working with them in the spring has also helped grow not only our numbers, but the quality of players.

Golf is another sport that struggled with weather. Looking back, they had 3 different events changed due to weather. We were back up over thirty golfers last spring. I will reiterate that our partnership with Buffalo Heights Golf Course has been a great thing for our kids.

Finally, our baseball numbers dipped about as low as I have seen them. We have struggled with our baseball numbers over the last few years. We are at a point

where I think we will be stable because we have the strong support of our Head Baseball Coach Mike Beilke. Our coaching staff talked about what talented players they have at each grade level. I look for our baseball program at the high school level to continue its' upward trend as we continue to send quality baseball players up there. The last example of what our spring was like is that baseball had eight dates that were postponed or canceled.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

2017 BCMS Spring Participation Report