

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

June 10, 2019

Subject:

BCMS Winter Activities Report

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Report only

DESCRIPTION:

Our Winter season seemed a little busier than normal. Our overall numbers were down, but that is directly attributable to Boys Basketball. Other sports were consistent with other years.

BCMS Theatre took a different spin this year. Last year Brandon Aldrich had to cut kids who tried out for the play. This didn't sit well for Brandon, who has a real passion and love of theatre. He wanted to cultivate that same passion in as many kids as possible instead of killing it at this age. His solution was to move away from a production, and instead make theatre more of a club with instruction and practice for his students. This turned out to be a great success as we had 60 students participate this year. Students loved the format and Mr. Aldrich was able to help students become better prepared for their high school theatre careers.

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. 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.

We had two new coaches in Boys Basketball this year. Cory Moore coached 8th grade and Andrea Carlson worked with Joel Gilmer and the 7th graders. Numbers for the boys were down this year, but we have seen that happen after we have a really high year. Last year was one of the highest we have ever had. Both grade levels were competitive and when they get to the high school and are able to combine their talents, I anticipate good things.

Girls basketball also had two new coaches. Andrea was around with the girls as well the boys, and Michelle Feldman helped with the 7th graders. We have been very lucky that Joel Gilmer has been around to oversee the girls as we have had a number of coaching changes over the last few years. Our numbers were stable and I attribute a lot of that to Joel and his consistent manner of running things. Like the boys, I would say once these two grade levels are able to combine, I think we will have a quality program at the high school.

Moving to the Lake Conference for the High School provides some good opportunities for us at the Middle School. We will stay with the Mississippi 8 for most sports, but may compete in the Lake for a few. It will be interesting to see what the short-term future brings.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Participation report