

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

February 11, 2019

Subject:

BCMS Fall Activities Report

Presenter:

**John Hayden,
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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

NONE

DESCRIPTION:

Cross Country continues to be a growing sport at BCMS. Our numbers went up to 39 participants this fall. Jackie Hillstrom again lead the team. This year she was supported by Nate Conroy from the high school. Nate has a strong cross country background which helped the team continue to improve as the season went on. This truly is one of the up and coming programs we have at BCMS. Last year I talked about the amount of school our cross country kids missed.

Once again, Emily Moritz coached the Girls Tennis Team this fall. She really is an upbeat and happy person. That rubs off on her players and it is a lot of fun to be around this program. Kids seem to really enjoy playing for Emily. Going out to the courts on a fall afternoon is very refreshing and energizing to see how much fun everyone is having.

It was great to see our Girls Soccer numbers rebound this year. Forty-three participants is a very solid number and allowed us to have two strong teams. Andrea Carlson joined Paul Lundberg coaching this year and it was a great fit. Paul coached the A team and Andrea was able to work with the B team girls. It was fun to listen to Andrea as she went through her season and was able to figure out what her kids needed and how to get them that. She became very good at helping her girls obtain basic soccer skills. Paul was able to have a little different approach. He was focused on helping his girls learn what it takes to be a consistent winner.

Our Boys Soccer numbers were down this year. These numbers have not been consistent for many years. It seems that the conflicting interests of the two summer

programs that compete for our players has an impact on students' desire to play soccer. It seems like every other year I hear about some conflict going on. My hope one day, is to find a long term solution as a coach who can then build a program that stands on its own. Competitively, our kids played well, even beating STMA for the first time for this group of kids.

It was an interesting fall for our Football team. With the improvements we are making to the field in front of the Middle School, football was displaced. Luckily, we have a veteran staff that have coached together many years. They adjusted, found space behind the school and didn't miss a beat. Not only did they adjust, they took advantage of the tight quarters and created some different coaching opportunities while practicing together. On a sad note, Tom Gould will be retiring from coaching at the end of the year. While he will always have a spot coaching here if he wants it, more than likely he has coached his last football game at BCMS after 30 plus years. He will be missed.

This year we attempted something different to try to address the high number of Volleyball participants. We attempted to start an intramural league at Discovery Elementary in order to take some of the girls who aren't very serious about Volleyball and maybe are playing for the first time. We still think it is an idea worth pursuing, but we did not get the word out enough and didn't have enough girls sign up to make it worth doing. Our numbers were down this fall, but we still had a large enough number that makes it difficult to get girls the touches that they need. We plan to offer up the intramural league again next year and hope to make it appealing to enough girls to have three or four teams.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Fall Participation Report