

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

June 8 2020

Subject:

BCMS Winter Board Report

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

None

DESCRIPTION:

Winter season is an opportunity for our department to take a breath and collect ourselves before the busy spring season comes. This winter was exactly that. After a busy fall we were able to focus a little more on long range plans and not the day-to-day logistics of running a program. Our overall sports numbers were up this year which can threaten that tranquility we usually get in the winter as we try to make our activities a positive experience for everyone.

Girls basketball saw our numbers stay steady which makes me happy. Forty-five girls for four teams is a nice number to work with. The girls were split evenly between seventh and eighth grade. We are able to develop enough girls to allow for quality depth with that number on the A team. We are also able to provide a positive experience for many who are just trying the sport. I really liked our coaching staff this winter. Joel Gilmer was able to continue his tenure as our "Lead Coach". He is popular with the kids and does a great job of teaching the game to his girls. Andrea Carlson also was back this year to work with Joel in eighth grade. At the seventh grade level, Sam Ortmann and Peter Kruize combined to provide a great experience for our kids. All four understand what we are trying to do with our activities program and compliment each other very well.

Boys basketball numbers jumped to a level we have been used to in the past. This year we had eighty-four boys out for basketball. That is a huge number for four teams. As always, it was the seventh grade that brought the most boys out. Due to some family concerns, Joel Gilmer had to drop out of coaching the boys this year. He anticipates being back in the fall. Peter Kruize and Sam Ortmann were both new to the program this year. Both of these guys also coached girls basketball and by the time the boys rolled around they were very comfortable coaching in our program and did a great job taking over as "Lead coaches". When I am looking for a coach here is my criteria: great with kids and competitive enough to improve kids skill levels. These guys fit that description. It was fun watching these guys work with their players. Our teams were competitive all year.

Wrestling participation continues to be a source of frustration. We have never gotten over the hump in regards to our small participation numbers. We have great people

involved in this sport at the youth level. Our high school coach has been engaged with the middle school, but for some reason we seem to lose kids at the middle school level. We have three great community people running our program. Paul Olson, Tyler Reiss and for the second year Jason Maurer also coached the boys. I can't say enough good things about the three of them and the way they work together to give the kids lucky enough to work with them a positive experience. We had a couple of kids wrestle up at the high school because that is where their skills lie. Even with those losses, we had some really good wrestlers competing all season. Our coaches report this was a great group to work with.

One reason our numbers outside of sports were down this year is we had a couple of unique situations which caused us to not offer two activities that are usually popular. Art club was not offered because we lost one of the teachers that helped start it and our other teacher has a crazy home schedule so she was not able to commit fully to it. It will be back next year. Drama was going to change their schedule to be more of a spring activity and then COVID came into play. Finally, our numbers for weight training do not reflect the total number of students we had participating this year. We actually had a great year with student participation in weight training with Chad Anderson, however we did not make the students who were in it in the fall re-register, so the overall number of students in weight training was closer to seventy-five as opposed to twenty two.

ATTACHMENTS:

- BCMS Winter Participation Report