

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

September 13, 2010

Subject:

BCMS Spring Activities Report

Presenter:

John Hayden

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

None

DESCRIPTION:

The Spring Activity season went by quick at BCMS. It seems like as fast as it begins after Spring Break, it is over. It is very hard to spend much time reflecting on how things are going until uniforms are turned in and equipment stored for the summer. Now that we have had a chance to reflect on the numbers and the experiences had by our students we are proud of the spring experience we were able to provide for our students.

The number of participants was down only slightly from 08-09. Only Track and Golf saw small decreases in participation. Track was down six to 111 and golf was down seven to 46. Those are still nice high numbers. Baseball and Boys Tennis both had the exact same number of participants as the previous year. We would like to see more participants in both activities, Baseball was at 45 and Tennis was at 16. We have tried to address the baseball numbers for the last few years. Last spring we increased the number of contests, and brought in a couple of new coaches. Varsity Coach Bielke also ran some pre-season skill sessions also. We are going to keep working on it. It is a minor victory that we did not lose any players. Softball saw an increase of four. Moving to Northwinds proved to be a positive move for this program.

The Spring participation numbers were very positive in context of the budget adjustment plan put out for the BCMS Activities Department in 08-09. We budgeted for a decrease of 20% for the year. These numbers helped us finish the year ahead of that 20% number.

Looking forward to 2010-2011 we are continuing our drive to keep our participation numbers up. We have a couple of things we are going to be undertaking this year. First I met with all the coaches in the fall to discuss what being a professional coach is all about. I talked about why we think we should keep sports attached to school as opposed to letting community members/parents run them. What is it that we do better than they can? We are going to be emphasizing all the things we do for kids which have far more to do with life than sports. Part of that is to begin to look at data to determine if students involved in activities score higher on tests and get better grades. We anticipate they do. We also will be

emphasizing the leadership opportunities provided in activities. Finally, we are going to embrace competition by teaching kids the value of working hard to prepare themselves for competition, the value of dedication to a set of goals, and the strength in teamwork. We hope these points of emphasis this year will lead to even greater success in our program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

BCMS Spring Numbers