

**School Board Meeting/Workshop:**

**May 12, 2014**

**Subject:**

**BCMS Winter Activities**

**Presenter:**

**John Hayden**

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

None – Report only

**DESCRIPTION:**

This year's winter sports were down in participation numbers from last year. However, those of you who were here last year might remember that last year was our highest numbers that we have experienced in my 12 years in the district. This year's numbers while down from last, still were higher than they have been in recent years. Overall we are very satisfied with our numbers and the success we saw this winter.

Boys basketball was first this year and a lot of boys choose to participate. Seventy-eight boys are a lot to try to fit in on four teams. At about 19 kids per team, it becomes difficult to find playing time. Again our coaches did an awesome job and once again proved to be a cut above the rest of the conference. Troy Hanson and Joel Gilmer joined veterans Barry Johnson and Troy Holland. Their season was very positive and included some intramural events to get kids playing time.

We had forty-six girls out for basketball during the second half of the winter season. With three of four coaches back from the boys season, consistency was awesome. The one coach who was not with the boys was Jackie Hillstrom who coached girls last year. Again, having teachers as coaches helps students connect with their coaches and also has a possibility of keeping the staff consistent for some time. These coaches did a nice job of getting girls playing time and also getting them extra court time during intramural games when not on road trips.

Eric Cagle returned this year as our Head Middle School Wrestling Coach. Eric has been with us for a number of years and proves every season what a great coach he is. Kids love him and he really enjoys working with them. He is also pretty competitive which is a benefit for our wrestlers. This year our numbers were down slightly. We continue to try to build the numbers in wrestling. I do think, as our coaches both at the high school and the middle school, continue to be consistent, that our numbers will go up. I know after watching a few matches, that the kids are getting better. I think this has to do with our coaches and the great coaching these kids get at the youth level.

While our sports numbers were slightly down, our activities numbers were up and pushed us above the high overall numbers that we saw last year in our winter program. Winter activities included Speech, Knowledge Bowl, Drama, Yearbook, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, Math Counts, Student Council, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Singers, Guys Group, and Chamber

Orchestra. With all of these activities you can see it is a great time for kids to get involved. It is a busy place even in the “dead” of winter.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

BCMS Winter Participation Report