

School Board Meeting:

March 9, 2009

Subject:

Activities Reductions

Presenter:

Mark Mischke

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Discussion at this time.

DESCRIPTION:

Discussion of Option B and C for Activity Budget Reduction Proposal (Round 1)

-Option B (Self Sufficiency)

-Option C (Cooperative Opportunity)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Option B</u>	<u>Option C</u>	<u>Other</u>
Alpine Ski	No	St. Cloud/M.Grove ?	Comm. Ed.
Speech	No	*STMA	
Dance Team	No	Big Lake?	Studio/Club
Drumline	? – Rental concerns	No	Club
Nordic Ski	No? – Limited schedule	No	Club
Boys Swim/Dive	Yes	*Watertown	

*Process in motion

Comments/Thoughts:

Self Sufficiency:

Some activities advisors, coaches, and parents I spoke with don't feel it is feasible, don't have the resources, and aren't interested in the energy it would take to raise money necessary for their activity to survive self-sufficiently. They are more interested in other potential opportunities. Some expressed concerns with moving in this direction for future reinstatement consideration and competition with new activities.

Cooperatives:

An explanation and details of cooperatives will need to be clearly communicated. I am finding there are many interpretations of what a cooperative agreement means. The following details are important.

- Participants from Buffalo will pay the entire cost of their participation. The % is based on the cost of the program divided by number of participants. Buffalo

participants are then charged for their portion of that percentage. This opportunity is to remain cost neutral for ISD #877.

- Program is administered by the host district—schedules, transportation, etc.
- Participants are on their own for transportation to the host school locations.
- Coaches are hired by the host district.
- Practices and contests are at the host school. Dividing sites for practice/contests is not common practice.

Early Registrations (Buffalo commitment) will need to happen with host school before there is an agreement. Non-refundable commitment needs to be in place to budget correctly for staffing, etc. Timeline would have to begin soon and be completed before the end of the year.