

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

May 14, 2012

Subject:

BCMS Winter Activities Report

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

NONE

DESCRIPTION:

BCMS participation numbers were very consistent this winter. No activity showed a significant increase or decline. We are very proud that through budget cuts, a poor economy, and coaching changes, we have not seen a noticeable change in participation numbers.

BCMS Drama took a different spin this year in their yearly play. This year's performance was less comedic and had more of a serious tone to it. The play was based on life in a school in Nazi Germany during the beginning of World War II. It was very entertaining to watch young actors take on serious roles and perform at a high level. Students performed once at night for the general public, and once right after school mostly for students who were bused to the show. It was a great experience for everyone lucky enough to see the show. Terese Wiese and Jason Tornell did another great job putting this all together.

Knowledge Bowl had a great winter also. There were two teams coached by Rob Nosbush and Nate Klatt. It is easy to see why this activity is doing so well. It is a fun activity that allows kids to take advantage of skills that they don't normally get to show off. Being smart is cool. The coaches have added to this activity by keeping things fun for the kids.

Our student council, math league, speech team, yearbook, and various choir, band and orchestra groups all continued to offer students opportunities this winter. The winter season at BCMS is a great time for students to take advantage of opportunities like these to participate in activities that develop skills that sports normally do not.

Wrestling continued to grow this year both in terms of numbers, and stature. This has been a sport we have focused on improving the last few years. This year we added Rusty Kath as a coach. What a wonderful addition he proved to be. Rusty and Eric Cagle, who teaches in our building, proved to be a great team. Rusty brings passion and energy to the program, while Eric is a steady and positive influence for kids. We have created a nice partnership with the youth program to try to improve both numbers and performance in wrestling. It is a lot of fun to work with a great group of parents who are supportive of what we do.

Three of four coaches in Boys Basketball were back this year. Barry Johnson and Troy Holland have coached together at the 8th grade level for almost ten years. It is such a great benefit for our kids and the basketball program to have that kind of stability. Barry and Troy know what the high school program wants and take great pride in helping prepare kids for that program. At the 7th grade level, Leroy Erickson was back again for about the 75th year. His experience and calm

demeanor is also a tremendous asset to our kids. Finally this year, Kurt Konsella worked with the 7th grade boys. Kurt is extremely passionate and caring. Kids grew by leaps and bounds working with this staff this year.

The same accolades I use for Boys Basketball, I would use for the Girls. We have stability in the coaching ranks and stability in numbers. Ken Jugasek from the High School joined Troy, Barry, and Kurt. The four of them did a great job of both motivating and teaching girls all while they were enjoying the game. I had many compliments on how these coaches complimented each other so well.

Our Winter season was a great success with many students participating and enjoying the many activities available to them. I am very proud of our advisors. They are very committed and passionate about the activities they are involved in. It would be very difficult to find another middle school with the amount of and quality of opportunities BCMS provides our students.

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