

School Board Workshop:

May 8, 2023

Subject:

BCMS Winter Activities Report

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Review only

DESCRIPTION:

The BCMS Theatre program put on another great performance this winter. Deb and Greg Bestland came back and bettered what they had done last year. The play this year was a take on Sherlock Holmes. Approximately forty-five students auditioned. Thirty-one were assigned roles in the show and an additional seventeen worked as the technical crew for the show. Now that the Bestlands have taken over, the students involved in our performances are getting a great feel for what it will be like at the High School. The quality of the performances has risen greatly and our students have expressed how much they have enjoyed being a part of it.

Knowledge Bowl had a great winter also. There were two teams coached by Rob Nosbush and Eric Cagle. 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. These are kids who might not have an opportunity to travel and represent their school so when they go to meets there is a ton of pride. Rob and Eric have really grown this program.

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 not related to athletic competition.

This year our wrestling team moved to the High School for practices. We still had Tyler Reiss coaching the middle school kids but by having them in the wrestling room with high school kids and coaches, they were able to have more coaching and mentorship from the older kids. We still held our matches at the middle school, hoping students would come watch their classmates. Our numbers were not great again, so we are hoping that this arrangement will encourage more participation from kids as we continue this plan.

We had a large number of boys basketball players this winter. Seventy-one is huge when you remember that five play at a time. Joel Gilmer, Corey Moore, Barry Johnson and Brady Bauman do a great job of getting kids in games and making basketball an enjoyable experience for the kids. This year's group of seventh and eighth graders were some of the most talented kids we have had. Our teams played strong competition and

were more than competitive. Our youth basketball association does a great job of recruiting and developing kids and it shows as they get to this age and above. Look for our high school program to continue its success.

Girls basketball numbers were a little down this winter but still encouraging. Thirty-four is a strong number and allowed us to be very competitive in our conference games. Stacy Eggers was added to the seventh grade staff and was a huge asset to our program. The playing and coaching experience she brings along with her ability to connect with kids makes her a great coach. Under her guidance, our seventh grade teams had a great showing this winter. Our eighth grade girls also were very good. Like the boys, I believe the high school program will be in great shape the next few years as these girls make their way there.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- BCMS Winter Participation Report 22-23