

### **Sauk Rapids-Rice Activities Mission Statement**

*"We are dedicated to encouraging students to participate in a variety of activities to explore and develop their full potential to learn, to lead, and to become productive citizens."*

### **High School Building Goal III**

*Increase the percentage of students and staff involved in at least one activity by 10%.*

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**Members Present:** Lisa Braun, Jeff Hille, Luke Lutterman, Jan Solarz, Sandi Murphy, Jessica Messerich, Joan Frerich, Russ Kath, Erich Martens.

**Reviewed Minutes from Winter 2013-2014** – some discussion on the revised co-head track coaching assignment.

**Hall of Fame** – nomination process is complete and the 2014 individuals have been selected. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the pepfest, football game and social. October 4<sup>th</sup> is the induction ceremony without a golf tourney (weather has been an issue and affects attendance). Letters requesting donations have been sent to previous sponsors. Individuals being inducted into the 2014 class are Jim Warden, Greg Bemboom, Don Hill, Toni Schulte, Denny Dushaw and John Waseka.

### **Current Coaching Vacancies and New Coaches**

- a. Boys' Soccer
- b. Boys' Hockey
- c. Girls' Swimming and Diving
- d. Wrestling –not a definite vacancy. Ken Bemboom has agreed to come back if we can't secure an on-staff head coach.
- e. Numerous Assistant Positions
- f. Recommendations to Board of Education at June 23 Meeting
  - Boys' Soccer
  - Boys' Hockey
  - Girls' Swimming and Diving

### **Spring Season Summary**

- a. CLC Highlights and Standings (Attachment) – The team was competitive in conference play. Routines were a challenge due to weather. Many indoor practices took place. Softball won a playoff game and advanced played well at the end of the season. One participant on the boys' tennis team. Golf had weather challenges throughout the season. Track had a good season.
- b. Participation Review (Attachment) – no surprises in numbers. Situations arise with golf course availability for middle school and high school teams. Improving this will help increase the high school numbers. Middle school numbers were up especially with track. On staff strength coach, Brady Roden, was hired. There has been increased weightroom participation. Discussed high goal Goal #3 increasing student participation.
- c. Communication from the Activities Department – Areas to improve. What is the best format to communicate with families? Twitter account is used. CLC website hosts all of our schedules. The goal is that people know where to find the information for students. Weekly updates from Luke via email are nice. Mixed feedback on these. Luke will blast out early season reminders for all activities. Please send Luke or Tammy all information to be included in emails. Activities Office may use white board as announcement option in the building.

### **MSHSL Updates**

- a. Bylaw Changes - "There and Back Rule" – new 15-day transfer rule. Now have 15 days to practice without competing to make a move back to previous school without penalty. This will help administration identify all necessary information. Eliminates a two-year ineligibility ruling. Not necessarily a new rule because of recruiting that happens. Summer months – safeguards added. Violations updated to include synthetic chemical varieties. The number of quarters a player can play has been changed for football players. Number of classes in sports will see some changes to allow maximum number of team participation at tournament time. Should the private schools have their own class? There has been much discussion about this at the league office. Success Factor is used in other states and uses demonstrated performance as an automatic move-up to a higher class based on success each year.
- b. District Football Alignment (Attachment) – Zero week – teams have a hard time finding like schools to play. The MSHSL has put this into action. This is on a two-year term. No conference for football – now a district. We are now part of a 22-team North Central district. A few options in developing schedules are in the works. Eight games in the regular season. Four home, four away and playoff games to follow. 2015 will have three football games before the school year begins. Want the same playoff options so the games must start earlier. This will be commons state-wide for the fall 2015.

**Status Update- MN Clay Target League** – Conducted survey with students on-line. There was an overwhelming response from students to add this activity. The Sauk Rapids Sportsman's Club and the Rice Sportsman's Club will be working with us for sponsorships. This will eliminate school costs for this activity. There would be a coach and it is co-rec. Mark Hauck has been working with Luke on this. Fastest growing activity in the state of Minnesota. This activity will not interfere with other spring sports.

### **Summer Projects/Programming**

- a. Speed and Strength – going extremely well. Strength and Conditioning Coach Brady Roden is working with the St. Cloud Orthopedics group. Luke will get a comparison count for us comparing the numbers using the program last summer to now.
- b. Gym and Pool – renovations and repairs will be completed during the black-out time.
- c. Online Registration – All online for fall activities. Will be used through the community education link.

**St. Cloud Times Article – Storm Center** – started out as an opinion article by Randy Krebs. Now has branched out researching like ideas from neighboring communities. It is recommended building this onto the high school complex. Will try to use ½ cent sales tax revenue. It is a goal to have all high school activities on-site (gymnastics, dance, etc.). We are shuffling groups to many buildings to hold practices/events. Kids will not have to travel after school for practices. The group has formed and is doing research for this.

**Activities Handbook Review and Recommendations** – some changes have been made and were reviewed as printed. All members were in agreement with the updates. Changes will be made with the corrected handbook distributed and posted to the ISD47 website.

**Items From the Committee** – Should we look at the membership of the committee in the fall? School Board membership is changing in January so there may be updates there.

**Future Meeting Date:** November 2015

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