

SRR Activities Council
Spring Meeting, March 2, 2015
6:00 PM - High School Board Room

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%.

Members Present: Lisa Braun, Jan Solarz, Erich Martens, Loren Finlayson, Jeff Hille, Jessica Messerich, Luke Lutterman, Joan Frerich

Reviewed Minutes from Fall 2014 Meeting

Winter Report

New Staff – Ken Karna has been approved for our head softball coach position. He was previously a softball coach at Apollo. Ken is also our head boys' hockey coach.

Winter Season Summary - progress has been made in many areas. Girls Hockey won their fourth straight CLC Championship. Boys Swimming & Diving hosted the Section 3A Meet on Feb. 26 and 28. The team finished fifth in the section sending the 200 Medley Relay team and a diver to the State Meet. Boys Basketball was competitive in all games this season. Girls Basketball has performed well this season. Wrestling had four individuals to the State Tournament. Gymnastics has many young girls with a bright future. They are in a building process right now. Dance Team qualified for the High Kick State Tournament finishing in seventh place. Speech Team had another first place finish last weekend. Knowledge Bowl is still competing. Jeremy Pflipsen has qualified for the State Math League competition. Vocal and Instrumental Solo/Ensemble had success this winter and performed well.

MSHSL Re-Classification Process and Timelines

Every two years the MSHSL looks at school enrollments and adjusts schools into different classifications as needed. We may see some changes for the 2015-16 school year.

Clay Target League Update

The school board has approved adding this activity. We have registered with the League. We have received a donation from the Rice Sportsmen's Club and are waiting for the donation from the Sauk Rapids Sportsmen's Club.

Gymnasium Score Board Additions

The new score board is up and running. It has been funded by booster clubs and sponsors and is a nice addition to our facility.

Program Expansion – Lacrosse (for Spring 2016)

There have been many conversations with Sartell, the area youth organization and parents. Currently our kids play club lacrosse with Sartell. Sartell plans to start a high school league team that forces us to take a look at proposing the activity. We would expect about 15 participants, male and female combined. We would require field space for practice and competition and three coaches per gender. The budget proposal would be on a per pupil basis. A question was asked if we have other activities pressing right now? It would be a goal to have our own tennis program with facilities. If we are trying to improve our programs, should we expand? We do want to offer programs the students want to participate in. Not all schools have lacrosse in our conference. The NW portion of the metro has

teams as well as Tech High School (a co-op). It is a growing activity in the southern part of the state and the metro area. Sartell is looking at board approval this spring. Jeff and Loren - do you think our spring sports would be spread thin? Yes – but that is what kids want. Cannot predict long-term impact on our current activities. What is best for our students and community? Luke would like to bring this option to the school board for approval.

Update on Items from Fall Meeting

Budget Impact – There will be \$118,000 budgeted towards activities and the Middle School AD position revision. There will be a \$72,000 reduction from user fees.

The user fees at the high school and middle school will be reduced in all athletics, fine arts and clubs. The students receiving Education Benefits will see reductions in their fees. The individual cap and family cap dollars will be reduced. All feedback should be positive, increasing participation numbers. Coaches are very positive with user fee reductions and budget increases. This offers relief for boosters and parents who have absorbed the fee increases by fundraising. Money will be spent as the money is budgeted. The uniform rotation sees the life of uniforms at about four to five years. Fine Arts will see dollars applied to their needs within that rotation. We should not have to see the kids fundraising for equipment.

Sixth grade participation in some activities will begin. Does a youth organization or association provide exposure for some activities? There will be direction from the new Middle School AD in this area.

Future Meeting Date: TBD

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