LAA

Thursday, 8.8.2024

Opening Prayer

WISCO Update from Micah Walz

- 1. Mobile Passes were used for called workers last year (hard to track)
- 2. WISCO is considering emailing passes based on called workers emailing 24 hrs ahead and then sending individual passes for those called workers and their families
- 3. Participation by high school students in sports is less than 50%. Some sports have low numbers/ lack of teams (e.g. freshman girls bball). Grade schools encouraged to foster a love of athletics and to reach out to specific students to stay in school sports and in Jr. Vikings.

Attendance

1. The majority of schools in each division were in attendance

Divisional Alignment

- 1. Soccer
- 2. Volleyball

Fall Schedules

1. Opportunity to discuss and add to given at end of meeting

Website

- 1. Score Reporting, Teams Offered, Directory
- 2. Tournament brackets are also tentatively set up on score reporting sheets
- 3. Encouragement to keep using teams page and to update AD contact
- 4. Rules are up-to-date

Tournaments Formats and Dates

- 1. Volleyball
 - a. B Team Tournaments all Oct. 12 (charging admission or not is up to the host)
 - i. Dlvision 1 -
 - ii. Division 2 -
 - iii. Division 3 Christ Big Bend hosts

- b. A Team Tournaments replaces WISCO tournament this year; no admission charged (via last year decision)
 - i. Division 1 Star of Bethlehem | Oct 15 and 17
 - ii. Division 2 Mount Calvary | Oct 15 and 17
 - iii. Division 3 Garden Homes | Oct 15 and 17
- c. Briefly discussed moving the A team volleyball week
- 2. Soccer
 - a. Division 1 St. Paul's Muskego
 - b. Division 2 undecided possibly hosted by Christ St. Peter
 - c. Championship WLHS | Oct 20 1pm and 2:30 pm

Cross Country

- 1. Blair gave out instructions for entering athletes into Milesplit (for WISCO meet)
- 2. Encouragement for schools to host CC meets, even if they are small
- 3. Opportunity to ask around about CC meets given at the end of the meeting

Alignment For 2025/2026

1. Preliminary discussion, proposed alignment in March

Scheduling time

1. Cross-division, A2/B2, confirming participation or not, hole in schedule, etc

General Discussion

- 1. Plan for Meeting Times/ Typical Topics of Discussions
 - a. Looking to have regularly scheduled meetings three times per year
 - August meeting Introduce conference members, finalize fall schedules, distribute volleyball/soccer tournament specifics, discuss other fall business (e.g., Cross Country), and <u>discuss/introduce ideas about future</u> <u>rule/alignment changes</u>.
 - c. **October meeting** State teachers' conference Fall wrap-up, finalize basketball details, distribute BB tournament specifics, and <u>formally propose</u> rule/alignment changes for discussion.
 - d. **March meeting** <u>Formally vote on proposed rule/alignment changes</u> and discuss spring business (track meets, softball, etc.)
- 2. Rules and Alignment Discussion to Look into and Discuss More at October Meeting
 - a. C team basketball size current rules say switching to switch to 27.5 this year; some schools would like to discuss keeping the 28.5

- i. John Kaesmeyer proposes delaying the change for this year and learning more about it and voting officially on it in October/ March – APPROVED
- b. Discussion of whether the game time lengths should stay the same or be lengthened. Options discussed:
 - i. Add two minutes to game times
 - ii. Stoppage for the last two minutes instead of one minute
 - iii. Allow for 5 timeouts rather than 3 to give coaches the option to slow the game
 - iv. Use quarters instead of halves
- c. Use of Slack Voted on Today
 - i. Voted to get rid of Slack and just use email for communication APPROVED
- 3. Blair encouraged more discussion on rule changes and contacting him or Seth with questions

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