

SOUTH BORDER SPORTS CO-OP

Ashley Public School and Wishek Public School

MARCH 21, 2022 – 6:00PM

Ashley School Library

The South Border sports co-op meeting was held on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00pm. Present: Lyle Fey, Kyle Thiery, Ross Litsey, Amy Schlepp (Ashley school board), Curt Meidinger, Danielle Goebel, Rocky Brown, Trina Schilling, Melissa Kaseman-Wolf (Wishek school board), Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Shawn Kuntz, Jaclyn Zorn, Jamie Bittner, Gwyn Schumacher, Jeremy St. Aubin, Corey Bader, Dylan Bender.

Motion by Schilling to approve the agenda. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Points of discussion on dual sports participation:

- Should the requirement to declare a second sport within two weeks of the start of that second sport stay in effect?
- Is declaring a primary sport and/or the dual sport form a necessity? Could potentially hold someone back and deny an opportunity because they didn't declare and have a form in place.
- Suggestion to require a minimum number of practices in both sports to show the athlete has a true interest in and commitment to both sports.
- Most felt post season play trumps regular season play.
- Had a few dual sport athletes this year—coaches and players seemed to work everything out ok.

All agreed to let the rest of the year play out and table the issue until fall and address any concerns at that point.

Mr. Schmidt stated the Hudl program was purchased for football, girls/boys basketball and volleyball. All of those coaches have requested Hudl assist, which is a stat program to go along with the other software. Contributed \$450 toward Mat Boss for wrestling. Total cost of programs this year was \$2,700. Proposal with Hudl assist is \$4,950/Mat Boss will be \$599. Golf may want some kind of program, track and baseball coaches have not made any requests at this point. Motion by Meidinger to purchase the Hudl and Hudl assist as well as the Mat Boss for wrestling and programs for golf, track, baseball if they want them. Second by Goebel, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on combining 5/6 grade basketball—low numbers in both schools for both girls and boys. In the past 4th and sometimes 3rd graders were allowed to join in order to have enough players. Point that everything else is a co-op sport, may make sense to start building programs at the 5th grade level, rather than not putting them together until 7th grade. Motion by Thiery to combine Ashley and Wishek 5/6 grade girls and boys basketball teams. Second by Schilling. Discussion on whether busdrivers will be available and if coaches will want to continue with combined teams. Roll call vote: Goebel-yes, Schlepp-yes, Litsey-yes, Fey-yes, Meidinger-yes, Kaseman-Wolf-yes, Brown-yes, Schilling-yes, Thiery-yes; motion carried.

Jamie Bittner expects there will be 15-16 junior high girls basketball players next year and would like to see some C-squad games scheduled for the 8th graders. On the flip side, Corey Bader will have low

numbers in 9-12 and may need to bring 8th graders up for JV but they would play JH as well. All agreed the athletic directors can schedule C-squad games for girls and the boys situation is already covered in the by-laws.

Basketball coaches would like to have at least one game over Christmas break rather than practicing for two weeks without competing. Current co-op bylaws don't allow any events during the break. Motion by Schilling to allow sporting events over Christmas break as long as they're NDHSAA sanctioned. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Schilling expressed concern that the JH wrestling schedule is not on activities calendars, there's no printed schedule like other sports and there's no communication about what's going on with the program. Parents don't have the ability to plan work schedules to attend events. The team is traveling to South Dakota for a couple of tournaments. Suggestion to work with other schools to hold more tournaments in our area. Mr. Schmidt stated he tries to get information from coaches and many times they don't know about the tournaments until a few days before. Schilling feels there needs to be a better effort to communicate.

Lyle Fey (Ashley SB President)

Curt Meidinger (Wishek SB President)

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager (Ashley)