MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 29, 2016 ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Clare Poulose, Pat Auran, Vineeta Branby, Dave Gubbrud, Koua Yang, Gerald Keenan, Steve Elizondo, Jessica Williams, Jody Griffin, Lynn Shellenberger, Theresa Battle, Laura Ranum, Treacy Funk

***Introductions*** were made.

***Updates/Start Times/Website:***

\* Mr. Yang – finalist teacher of the year

\* Mr. Keenan- AD of the year

\* High School Participation 2015-16

There were 208 more athletes this year than last year. There were 134 more winter athletes this year than last year.

Middle School Participation 2015

Gerald Keenan (handout) programs have been in flux depending on budget.

Highland Middle is an example of large participation numbers – They brought in about $7,000 in participation fees. They paid out about $8,000 for coaching staff. They can’t continue to do this because they need to use their participation fees to pay for equipment and uniforms.

*Concerns raised regarding middle school athletics*:

Highland MS wrestler had to move up to the high school for wrestling. Parent suggested there is a need to market the program in the community.

There is unfairness for athlete’s ability to participate, at the high school level, when there are different high school/middle school dismissal times.

\* Humboldt High School has requested a Trap Shooting club. Superintendent Silva has approved this. This program will be in partnership with a gun club. It is a MSHSL program and Thomas Austin, Agricultural Teacher, will be the leader of the club.

\* Lacrosse – shout out to Treacy Funk. Ms. Funk has organized and reduced the fees to $150.00.

\* MN Football Honors - Central and Harding players have been honored in the past. This year a Harding student will be a recipient of that honor.

\* Alphonso Cooper, a Washington wrestler was featured on the front cover of the Pioneer Press.

\* Johnson High School – (Start times impact on athletics)

The AD’s have noticed larger participation numbers in after school activities. SPPS participates in the dinner program and the number of schools participating in this program has increased.

There is a concern regarding usage of Parks and Rec. space availability with late start high schools. We need some more short-term solutions. Conversations with Parks and Rec. need to be a high priority regarding this issue.

\* Website

**Link for this committee will be on the Office of Family and Community Engagement site.** There will also be a link from the sports website as well. This will be taking place in late April.

**Lynn Shellenberger has requested that a link within the app be provided to the community.**

\* External Funding for Athletics

Each school will apply for grants for athletics. If you have any additional sources for grants, please notify Laura Ranum.

***Review By-Laws; revisions, elections***

The Draft of Bylaws were reviewed and updated. We need two student members. Student representative should be rotated amongst the schools/sports and start in September.

***Spotlight: FMP process update***

There was an18-month Engagement Project with the community.

Johnson approved for domestic water service, which led to update restrooms at the school.

Como Park commons area had several challenges and will receive a makeover.

The School Board asked for one additional month to review the 5-year plan. They will collect information and inform us of their decision at the April Board Meeting.

Tom presented on the large community effort that has been put forth for this Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

When will the 5-year plan start? The bulk will kick off summer of 2017. There are some projects that are happening right now.

The new soccer stadium: Theresa Battle checked in with Supt. Silva. We have been asked to go to our lobbyist to try and get help with getting access to the stadium. Mary Dougherty will get back to Theresa & Supt. Silva and then Theresa will get back to us regarding what/if parents can do anything to help. There is a formal process that needs to take place for this type of venture. Vineeta would like to have future funding ventures be brought to the new board so that we can “loosen” the ties that we have had in the past.

NEXT ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

May 2, 2016 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Conference Room B