

October 17, 2016
Community Conversation
Lakota West High School Boosters

What Does Board Need to Know?

Surprise them!

Impact of post-secondary options

- Not the five (5) core classes and can't/don't feel like participating

Tons of time and money invested by boosters

- And are not most involved

Each sport raises dollars outside of boosters

Fees for at-risk students can cause them to miss sports

Winter sports complaining about fee

Lack of multi-sport athletes

Pressure on/from coaches to practice all year

Pressure from junior high to focus on high school

- Affects psyche
- All about winning

Not easy to play multiple sports – Coach pressure

Every sport wants the kid in June

They are all year round

A year round athlete – No recovery time mentally or physically

Wear down/ ↑ Stress

Academic schedule and sports don't line up as well

- GMC tourney and exams

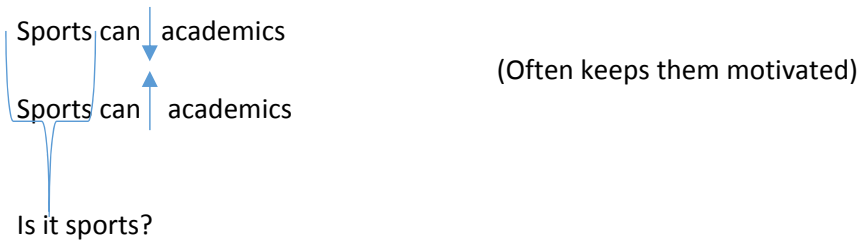
In Indiana – There is a two (2) week sports moratorium
(Parents loved this)

Year round sports impact academics differently for different kids

Pressure is there

- They don't understand people are worried about them
- That other students are in the same boat

Parents and students all deal with this common stress in isolation, not realizing others face it and without community support



- Or losing non-college (AP classes) prep?
 - Or.....
- Pushes kids too far

Some coaches stress sports too much over academics
But many do support academics and other activities equally

Do academics get in the way of sports?

Adults (especially parents) need to help ameliorate the difficulty of it all

Role of Athletics in 21st Century

Learn to fail

Do what they love

Broad character/life skills

Coaching is life skill teaching

Career college accessible

Change sport schedule to fit academics

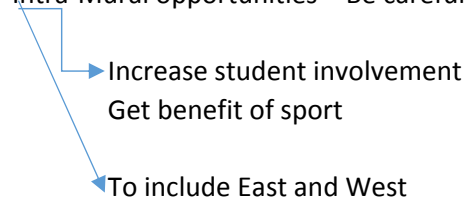
Time to focus on academics

Freshman team for all sports

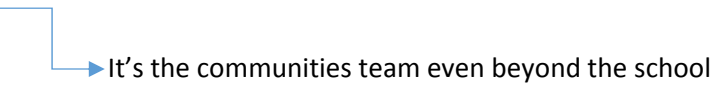
Fees ↓ Students ↑
Players

No cut policy

Intra-Mural opportunities – Be careful of bad coaches and habits



Benefits non-athletes – Social



Super Words – Words That Would Describe What You Would Look for in a Superintendent
Internal

- Passionate
- Energized
- Well-Rounded
- Visible
- Listener
- Approachable
- Diverse
- Resilient
- Relatable
- Political savvy