

## **Title IX Compliance Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

June 2, 2020

7:30 – 9:00 am

#### **Minutes:**

Present: Battersby, Bergstrom, Buchan, Cree, Gillis (new member), Hubbert, Jahnke (new member), Kuhn, LaMaster, Mattocks, Merritt, Miller, McKenna, Shaddle, Rennie, Wold.

The meeting began with an introduction of the new members. Jahnke represents wrestling which is a dual gender sport and Lyndsay Gillis, is the Girls Lacrosse coach. Jahnke is also a teacher at MIHS.

There was a quick review of the prior meeting minutes.

The team began with shout outs to Nick, Kyle, the nurses, and coaches for their support during what was a complicated, shortened season. Also a recognition of the District for supporting fall athletics.

When looking at the participation numbers, the teams lamented that some sports lost female athletes because the club sport shortened seasons did not align with the WIAA sports (specifically, basketball and girls lacrosse).

The team then discussed the success of partnering with youth programs to feed into High School programs. Specifically highlighted was the success of the lacrosse, baseball, basketball, and youth soccer programs. The success of the youth programs leads to healthier participation numbers at the high school. There was a recognition of Becky Shaddle and the Boys & Girls club for the ongoing commitment to youth programs.

The team then discussed whether “cut sports” are barriers to participation. There was not a decisive conclusion.

Wold reviewed the 2020-21 participation numbers. Discussion on how to link unified sports with their analogue sports.

Student, Buchanan, noted that there are a lot of students he knows who are, following COVID-19, choosing not to return to sports for personal reasons. He also noted that our District had more student athletes who did not train at all during the majority of the pandemic. This results in skill decline and injury risk.

Discussion of whether the participation numbers would return in the fall.

There was a discussion of premier and club participation over playing for the high school. Many of the top athletes are choosing year-round club sports and not playing high school.

Question of whether 8th grade can train or have a mock game with high school one or two times a season.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 09, 2022, from 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.