

## **Title IX Compliance Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 22, 2013

7:00 – 8:20 am

Members present: Dean Mack, Jamie Prescott, Brett Ogata, Mindy Blake, Traci Brandon, Kyle Weiss, Kathy Morrison, Stacy Bjarnason, Dean Mack and Karen Hubbert

Absent: Marion Mohler, Erica Hill, Mindy Blakeslee, Charlene Steinhauer, Carol Gullstat, Blair Rasmussen and Kris Brackmann

### Review Athletic Participation numbers for 2012-13

Dean Mack prepared spreadsheets helping the group understand the direction of Title IX progress at Mercer Island School District. (attached)

He noted boys' participation level at 55.3% and girls' at 44.7%. Coaches' numbers were down because there were less volunteers. Teams are 50/50 and girls have one more sport than the boys. There was discussion that badminton and girls' softball fastpitch were gaining a lot of popularity among the girls.

Traci Brandon spoke about the new sport called "Stunting". It is sweeping the country at the college level and designed specifically as a Title IX sport. It involves 2 opposing teams that face off doing certain physical challenges involving jumps, group stunts, pyramids, jumps, tumbling and tossing. This is separate from drill and cheer, and open to all girls interested. This is very successful in Alaska and Idaho. Traci said no other local districts are involved yet but thinks in about 5 years we will be there.

### Title IX Team Worksheet Report

Jamie Prescott prepared and presented the information. A survey was given to 26 team coaches with a response from 17. Also they were asked for comments and feedback.

The report was a summary of 6 areas:

- Interests and Abilities
- Equipment and Supplies
- Scheduling of Games and Practice Times
- Facilities
- Publicity
- Medical and Training
- Travel and Per Diem
- General Concerns/Comments

(Attached)

Jamie was commended on her in depth report and work on Title IX challenges.

### General Discussion

- Need for more storage and organized what is available
- A better deadline guideline for students of what is required early
- A concise "go to" place for all sports: when, where, what time
- Jamie is going to create a committee of kids, staff and parents to have input on how to successfully participate in sports and manage curriculum and other activities.
- Dean commented that the PTA's, Booster Clubs, Foundations on Mercer Island are the best. Mercer Island is only able to succeed at these levels because of the community support.
- Kathy Morrison commented that tremendous strides have been made in Title IX since 2008.