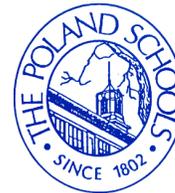




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POLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLAND, OHIO

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: September, 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Addition of Boys and Girls Lacrosse Programs

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Athletic Department

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE: Kevin J. Snyder (Principal of Poland Seminary High School) Brian Banfield (Athletic Administrator for Poland Local Schools)

DETAILED BACKGROUND: The purpose of this policy and the accompanying regulation is to provide guidelines for the addition of the Poland Boys and Girls Lacrosse Programs as a club sports to the Poland Athletic Department. The process for adding an activity was designed to ensure thoughtful and thorough review before making a final recommendation to the School Board.

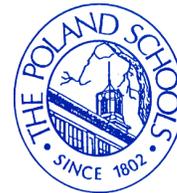
ADDITION EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the addition of the Poland Lacrosse Programs.
- II. **GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY** The Poland Local Board of education recognizes the value and importance of activity programs as an extension of a good educational program. Participation in lacrosse is a valuable part of the overall school experience and contributes to the mental and physical well being of our students. The Board recognizes that student interest and participation changes over time, and those offerings available to students must change in response to interest. In addition, the Board supports the goal of gender equity in athletic competition. Therefore, proposals to add an activity will be presented by Administration for Board approval. The proposals will be based on student interest and if appropriate, gender equity considerations.



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III. Process for Adding Lacrosse as a Club Sport

A. Based on student participation the last two years there appears to be sufficient interest in lacrosse; the Activity Director researched the following:

- a. Assess the ability to sustain a viable program, as determined by the District.
- b. Following Title IX guidelines, determine whether it will substantially address an imbalance in participation rates by males and females (gender equity). It will not create an imbalance in participation rates by males and females.
- c. THE OHSAA has just recognized the Sport of lacrosse as an Ohio High School sanctioned sport.
- d. Determine a time line for the club status to be removed and a full sport to be supported.
- e. Assess the availability of qualified coaches as determined by the District.

III. Time Line for Adding Lacrosse as a Full Sponsored Sport

- a. First Five Years the Lacrosse Club will finically be responsible for the Following:
 - i. Transportation and Cost to all Contest
 - ii. Supplemental pay for Coaches
 - iii. All Equipment and Uniforms
- b. The Poland Board of Education will have no financial cost to the program, however the school will supply the following:
 - i. Two Games per team, per year to be played at Poland Stadium at zero cost to the lacrosse club.
 - ii. All other lacrosse practices and contest will be played at Baird Mitchell field at zero cost to the lacrosse club. Recognized sanctioned athletic programs will have first priority to the practice fields at the high school and also to the use of the stadium for events.
 - iii. The Poland Athletic Department will provide letters and awards to all lacrosse student athletes as long as the letter requirement is fulfilled.
- c. After the five year probation period the high school administration will evaluate the program and give a recommendation to move forward as a sport or to remain club status.

IV. Based on the Athletic Director deem the addition to be appropriate, he will prepare a recommendation.

- a. The Athletic Director will share his recommendation with the High School Principal for review and comment.
- b. Based on the analysis, if the recommendation is to add lacrosse, the Athletic Director is responsible for forwarding the requests to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will review the request. If the Superintendent is in agreement with adding lacrosse, the Superintendent will forward it with a recommendation and supporting data to the School Board for action.