

Physical Education and Health Position Proposal – April 2018

Any K-12 position has its challenges and the Physical Education /Health position is no different. In the last ten years watching a number of people with K-12 roles, it would be fair to say that a person is rarely trained in addressing all areas of K-12 physical education including K-12 curriculum planning and implementation. Additionally, the specific student teaching experience is designed for potential teachers to specialize in either elementary, middle or high school so they are not provided a broad enough understanding what is effective at all levels, nor provided the opportunity to learn more about appropriate lessons, behavior management and assessment tools over the K-12 spectrum.

Also, as we continue to grow the Pathways program, it has become very apparent that there are many ways to meet the physical education credit that we have offered to individual students which now should be considered for all high school students especially in light of our extracurricular programming. It should also be noted that the average number of high school students in physical education class has been less than five students which is difficult to do lessons, or group sports.

In addressing this challenge in our future search for a PE/Health teacher, we would like to recommend the following adjustments:

Proposal:

Recommended Change: Advertise for a K-8 teacher with Health certification- not a K-12 PE/Health Teacher

Recommend Change: Keep the required HS Health Class but use a team teaching model.

Health classes would continue but through a team teaching model with Jess Woods, Ryan Martin and Pete Anderson involved with providing a more comprehensive model of information and teaching.

Recommended Change: Switch out HS Gym classes with Open Gym or Intramurals

Instead of study hall or required gym classes, high school students could sign up for open gym or for intramural offerings throughout the year and/or when the gym isn't being currently used for K-8 specials.

Recommended Change: Make it a requirement that all high school students participate in one ICS sport to count towards physical education credit.

Keep: This person should be the MS Athletic Director and share the duties of the AD with our current AD, Colden Golann.

A potential schedule could look like this:

Blue Days:

Gray:

1st period: MS Gym #1

HS Health Class

2nd Period: MS Gym #2

Prep.

3rd: Open Gym/Intramurals for HS

Lunch/Recess Duty

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K-5 Specials

4th Period: Prep.

AD Prep.

Academy: K-5 Specials

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