

Overview: Stakeholder Committee on Middle School Sports Travel

(last revised November 11, 2013)

Purpose: The committee is forming for the purpose of developing recommendations to the Juneau Board of Education to revise Board Policy #1430 regarding travel for middle school sports teams.

Membership: The committee is open to all. Some people may want to be actively involved and others may simply want to stay informed about how the committee's work progresses.

Goals:

1. Seek a solution that provides opportunities for middle school athletes to travel.
2. Develop recommendations for the Board by the end of February 2014.
3. Address several specific issues raised by Board members:
 - a. Presume inadequate Juneau School District funds to pay for middle school sports team travel
 - b. Address ancillary costs (for substitute teachers, organizing and arranging travel, etc.)
 - c. Maximize student participation in middle school sports
 - d. Ensure equity (considering Board Policy #1265)
 - e. Minimize impacts to instructional time

Specific Tasks to be Addressed:

1. Coordinate with the middle school principals and site councils to be sure they are aware of the committee and its work. [NOVEMBER]
2. Obtain and consider information about existing athletic programs at both middle schools: the ways the middle schools are providing athletic opportunities, the use of teachers versus non-teachers as coaches, how the schools have handled ancillary costs, and the pros and cons of these approaches. [NOVEMBER]
3. Develop preliminary recommendations on travel policy, including how to cover ancillary costs, how to minimize impacts to instructional time, how to ensure equity for participants, and how to address concerns about consistent policy between the middle schools. [DECEMBER]
4. Vet the preliminary recommendations with the principals, site councils, Activities Advisory Committee, and others to obtain their input. [DECEMBER-JANUARY]
5. Revise the preliminary recommendations as needed. [JANUARY]
6. Develop final recommendations for presentation to the Board. [FEBRUARY]