



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

BOE Meeting Summary December 4, 2008 at GWL

Discussion/Presentations:

1. The Women's Cross Country Track Team was recognized for their very successful season.



Led by Coach Neal Levy, they were the first Nassau County women's team to qualify for the New York State Federated Championships since 1993 and placed sixth by defeating all teams from Long Island, the Catholic League and New York City Public Schools. Additionally, the Women's Cross Country team had a purely historic and dominating season with the following outstanding accomplishments: Ranked #1 team on Long Island, Ranked 7th in all of New York State (out of 770 schools), New

York Conference IV Champions and had a 14-0 Regular Season Record.

2. The central topic of discussion focused on the Interscholastic Athletics Selection/Classification Process. The practice allows for the "elite athlete" in middle school to be moved up to play on a high school team. The intent is to provide a "select number" of students in grades 7-12 to excel based on their readiness (physical, emotional, and social readiness) rather than their age or grade. Criteria and requirements for the program are set by NY State, but each school district can determine whether or not to participate. The BOE approved a policy to participate in 1992.

At the meeting Director of Athletics, Don Lang, answered many questions from the BOE as well as members of the audience. He said, *"It's really a fine line as far as bringing students up. It is the unusually gifted athlete that moves up and all of our students who have moved up have met the criteria set by the State."* He added, *"When in doubt, we would rather have the older student."* 20 HS athletes out of the district's 568 have been selected during a two-year period. More than 50 percent of the time, these 20 athletes have gone on to win championships.



3. Additionally, Rob Chlebicki, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, updated the Board on the progress on Grades 5,8,12 Exit Assessments.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for December 4, 2008 at www.northshoreschools.org. Complete BOE Minutes are available in the Central Office.)