

**OPEN MINUTES**  
**La Harpe Community School District #347**  
**Athletic Co-Op Committee Meeting**  
**La Harpe CSD/Dallas City CSD**  
**22 July 2024 6:00 pm**  
**La Harpe School Science Room**

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The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 Athletic Committee and Dallas City CSD 327 Athletic Committee held a Special Meeting on July 22, 2024 in the science room.

Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call was answered by Dustin Detherage, Collins, Gebhardt, Moss, Ferguson and Wibbell. Also present were Superintendent Janet Gladu, Superintendent/Principal Alissa Tucker, Activity Director Kristy Altgilbers, and Principal/Athletic Director Ryan Hopper.

No public comment was taken/given.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Collins. Second by Wibbell. Roll Call: Detherage – Yes. Collins – Yes. Gebhardt – Yes. Moss – Yes. Ferguson – Yes. Wibbell – yes.

The committee discussed the increased communication. Hopper stated that communication had been amazing with recent changes and enjoys working with DC's new AD. Hopper shared with the committee that he had discussed with the baseball assistant coach and would like to recommend that baseball become a 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade sport. He stated this will have a positive impact on the participant numbers. The committee agreed this was a positive shift for the sport.

The committee discussed projected participant numbers for upcoming athletic events. The committee emphasized that skill development needs to be a focus if moving younger participants up to higher playing levels. Hopper stated that they would have A games and B games to allow players that did not get playing time during the A game exposure to competitive playing time. Regional participant numbers would remain the same for baseball. The committee discussed raising the team maximum participant numbers to 24 with the final decision resting with the coach. Hopper discussed that the baseball team is next in the new uniform rotation.

DC's AD discussed the cross-country schedule. There was discussion on how to accommodate those student athletes that participated in both baseball and cross-country. The decision was made that the two athletic directors would work together.

Golf was discussed as a continuing event for the 2024-2025 school year.

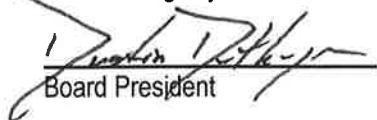
Junior High Girls' Basketball participation numbers were discussed. The two athletic directors agreed to hold potential sign-ups when school started. The decision was made to follow the approved athletic handbooks on moving players to a higher playing level.

Tucker told Hopper to let Angie know if he needed any assistance with transportation. Hopper thanked Tucker for this and stated he would do so.

The committee set the next meeting for December 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Dallas City Schools.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Detherage. Second by Gebhardt. **Voice Vote: All members indicated in favor of adjournment. No one opposed Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved August 20, 2024