

DISCUSSION TOPIC #2

Rural/Urban Plan

Mt. Horeb:

In favor of this idea?

$\frac{2}{3}$ yes

Motivation (basketball only experiment) - more state appearances or access to state championships?

Boys issue only or similarly applicable to girls?

How can draw and resources is issue. Boys basketball only issue. Opportunity to get there seems to be prevalent opinion in structuring change

How to address perception this is institutionalized racism by restricting opportunities of minorities?

Not a race thing, more kids to draw from than smaller rural communities. Urban setting may provide more opportunities for kids to improve and more people to choose from. Destiny vs Darlington example. Resources and opportunities example - AAU program choices

Geographical representation - less divisions, more teams for geographical variability, more divisions with less schools or less divisions with more schools?

Positives to both. Another way to address representation.

Inconsistency with other sports - Mechanism not being part of constitutional process?

Consistency is important. Constitutional change is more representative of due process. Advisory vs Board decision. Is this a good pilot program. Let membership vote on decision as opposed to Board make decision

Could we do a membership vote at annual meeting for guidance on topics such as this

- Group thought this is something they would like to hear more information about.

- liked it that there was not labeling of Private vs. Public Schools
- Would like to see if there was a option that some smaller schools could have an option out of divisional level/sectional.
- Comment made about Saint Ambrose/ALCS being able to compete with Edgewood.
- Liked the idea that the Census information was used instead of DPI or WIAA Certifications
- Would like the conversation to encompass other sports

Abundant Life/St. Ambrose co-op in b-ball - worried about being able to compete with Edgewood -

How were the enrollment cutoffs determined? D3 & D4 have large enrollment discrepancies which was the reason we moved to 5 divisions

Disparity between the number of schools in each level. D4 and D5 have twice the number of schools as D1-D3.

A school might be competitive in girls not boys b-ball or vice-versa.

Fox Valley Lutheran:

Good start

Private classification - how to handle those that is equitable - rural vs urban has

Potential - can we have waivers?

Stopped at Division 3 - Nothing for Div 1 and 2 - why? no complaints from Div 1 and 2 -

Based on where can draw from -

Free and Reduced Lunch -

Special needs not considered - WIAA will not ever (I agree) based on educational disability -

Greenfield:

*Seems blatantly racist - kind way of saying black vs. white. Would open a large can of worms

*Prairie is urban. Shoreland would be rural.

*Lumping in schools that accept vouchers with those that don't doesn't seem right

*6'5" players should have their own tourney seems just as absurd as that

*Really good example of structural racism

*Setting our organization for a serious litigious situation. Definition of violation of Equal Protection Clause and Brown v. Board of Education

*Enrollment of 78 in D3 vs enrollment of 600

*What's the problem we are trying to fix? It's a basketball issue clear and simple. It's coming because you can't figure out how to beat someone?

*Won't affect us really in district 7

*What is the real argument? It's not that rural can't win because they can. It's a black and white issue

*If competitive balance is an issue you need to figure out a different way

*Now it has been taken out of our hands and is in sports advisory. It's too important of a decision and needs the membership to help decide

*Someone has to protect the WIAA

*The success factor wasn't necessarily good but this would be by far the worst option

Affected schools may be moving up two divisions

many schools are penalized due to the success of a few

“multiplier in disguise” for private urban schools

the fact that this is only basketball should be red flag that this is a battle of regionalism

a ploy to target a small handful of schools, specific schools

Concern: First, football conferences are treated differently. Now, some want basketball treated differently. Next, what

This issue should be voted on by entire constituency at annual meeting

Facilitator reminds us that decision by board was NOT to approve

Is urban-rural, a code word for black-white??????

segregation by removing teams of color from lowest two divisions, creates de facto (or de jure???) white-only division 4 & 5

What is the inherent advantage does living in a urban area give urban teams?

Reintroduction of WISAA?? Div 3 = WISAA State Championship

it affects our district the most and he doesn't like it. Thinks it affects negatively this district.

asks about the effects of Division 1 and Division 2. How come we can't look at all the districts?

Smaller private schools that aren't sports centered will struggle in Division 3.

Who has to win and who has to lose in order for this to be successful?

Oconomowoc:

Inequitable

1 person in favor

Success factor made more sense than this

SW will break away if nothing is done.

Why basketball only

78-600 in D3 how is that fair?

Private schools have no boundaries

Open enrollment creates no boundaries for all schools, some public schools have 25% or more of enrollment

What about voucher vs non voucher schools

Classification not accurate reflection of student population

Looking for a straw poll-

What does success look like?

What will make everyone happy?

77 private schools-How does this affect them

Trying something is better than staying status quo
Action has been taken, but voted down at the annual meeting
2 year plan-amendments to fix inconsistencies
Is there a possibility for waivers after it is in place
Could relieve be given

Not understanding the breakdown or how they are grouped?
There are public schools that have good programs (just like private schools) and families open-enroll to public schools for good athletic programs.
If you have a good school AND good programs...they are going to come...there is no stopping them. And people are willing to pay for that as well.
There is an advantage in an urban setting because of the sheer numbers in the area and the options they have.
Schools need to examine their own culture within the schools to see why students are leaving for other programs.
There are urban private schools that don't always have good programs and cannot compete. So...is this really a rural vs. urban issue...or is it more a success factor "thing"?
There are other sports that will have a different impact: tennis/golf/etc...

Noticed that divisional groupings are very large; travel concerns
Hartland (Division 5)
Not in favor of the plan
Already struggling in division 5
Would be one of 13 schools that would be moving up to division 3
Participation is low as it is, but may go down if such a plan were in place
Noted that some past state champion would be moving down a division
What would be the location determination for schools that co-op?
West Bend East
From experience in Ohio, private schools had choices (see East AD for specifics):
Multipliers were assigned; basketball multiplier, for example, was 3
Public/private schools would be penalized if there were too many open-enrolled students, based on location
In retrospect, many ADs in the area agree that the level of competition has increased (football)
General Comments:
There are schools in the parochial system that recruit well and are looking to improve the level of competition

Mauston:
The small public schools will most likely favor this, the smaller private schools will probably not; but this does seem like the most equitable plan we've seen yet.
This does seem to provide relief in the correct places.
Does the WIAA think that this will have a lawsuit thrown at it and will have to back down?

Were rural, urban not figured into divisional placements? They were not
Its not a private public thing?

What is the end goal? - competitive equity?

Why not success factor? Two years of success would give a "death sentence" the next year

Private have the opportunity draw for all areas so why just basketball?

Necedah - d4, not equitable when playing some private schools in playoffs

Something has to be done for rural schools

Small suburban would be bumped up - ie Kohler

Other smaller rurals would be affected positively

Recommend - use on other sports as well

Other sports were not mentioned in the survey

Continue discussions...

Is there documentation to support R/U has advantage/disadvantage

Is this R/U or Private/Public issue. More P/P issue we believe

Rice Lake:

What enrollment is to be used? Third Friday Count of the current year.

Against a school of 61 playing a school of 500.

This takes a look at the issue of where schools draw students.

Private schools can still lose kids to public schools.

Urban small charters a creating hard feelings of equity.

Maybe a combination of urban issue and the success factor or "lack of success" factor.

Revenue of small towns in state tournament is more significant.

Good plan, group quickly supported, not unanimous, but only due to disparity of some small schools in D3, Volleyball needs to be a close second behind basketball in this consideration.

Competitive Equity Plan - don't implement in individual competitions like track - work in idea purely with team sports, basketball/volleyball/baseball/softball

What criteria creates the urban distinction? This touches more on urban vs. rural than public vs. private as the multiplier and previous plans.

Antigo:

Good Idea, it moves us off the mark of doing nothing as an organization

School size is still a concern, is jumping two divisions a fair and equitable movement?

What determines success?

Survey results are great for speaking amongst administrators, but those values seem to lose holding when the public scrutiny comes

Still is a small public v. small private issue

This leads into the football conversation as well--- it shows we can have two different solutions for classifying schools

Pink group

Great idea - not just for basketball, but for all sports.

Some concerns about a school the size of school like Newman in D3.

This could increase recruiting to help these smaller schools compete.

If this went ahead for all sports, how could this potentially complicate football discussion.