

LouPlatte Conference Meeting
May 11, 2015

Members Present: Kirk Russell, James Haley, Jim LaMaster, Julie Otero, John Poppert, Jason Alexander, Larry Witt, and Julie Otero. Members Absent: Ken Schroeder, Blake Dahlberg, Shawn Scott, Terry Torson.

Call the Meeting to Order:

President Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:45. Wood River made the motion to approve minutes from last meeting and Centura seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Current Financial Report:

Jim LaMaster gave the financial report. The balance for LPC checking is \$15,842 compared to \$8,456 up approximately \$7,000 from last year. This does not include LPC track revenue from this year. The LPC savings account is at \$11,600 bringing the total assets to \$27,629. There are some expenses yet to be paid yet which include the salary of the conference secretary and the payment to Adam Central for the use of their copy machines, etc. The only activity that did not make more money this year compared to last year was the basketball tournament. The conference saved a lot of money on the activities of play production and speech. The trophies or plaques will not need to be ordered next year. There will be only one bunny bracket game for basketball and volleyball, so revenue may be less, but there will also be less referee expenses. Looking at the ramifications of being a less member conference will have to be watched over time to help determine the most appropriate size for the LouPlatte Conference. The motion to approve the current financial report was made by Gibbon and seconded by St. Paul and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Business:

Conference Membership: President Alexander gave the guidance the LPC will likely move ahead as a nine-school conference for the 2016-17 school year. May 28th Adam Central will likely be accepted into the Central 10 Conference and then they will no longer participate in the LouPlatte Conference Tournaments beginning in the 2016-17 school year. The superintendents discussed Loup City and Arcadia regarding their respective Fine Arts Programs. If Arcadia wishes to submit a letter to officially join the LPC, the request may be considered at that time.

The superintendent discussed each school's feedback from their respective Activities' Directors and principals regarding conference membership and size. Gibbon, St. Paul, D/T, were agreeable to Amherst and Central City being asked to join the LPC in order to keep the conference at 10 members. Centura and Wood River reported they felt eight teams would be an appropriate number, but also felt the addition of Amherst and Central City would be good for the conference as well.

After further discussion, LPC will extend an invitation to Central City and Amherst in the summer of 2016 to join the LPC conference. Gibbon made the motion to extend invitations to join the LPC to Central City and Amherst with the understanding that participation to these schools would begin no earlier than 2017-18 school year and no later than the 2018-19 school year. Acceptance into the 17-18 school year would need to be confirmed to LPC by January 1, 2017 for the 2017-18 year and January 1, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. St. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The pending invitation is asked to be communicated to each school's BOE at the June mtg. The information can be shared with the AD's and principals.

Discussion was held on the conference schedule of activities and how the hosting of many activities within the scope of one year happens to one school as the way that the events have fallen out over the years. In trying to help with this situation, a motion was made by St. Paul and seconded by Doniphan for Centura to host the honor band auditions and track for the 2016-17 school year. Jim LaMaster will continue to look at LouPlatte activity calendar and suggest any necessary changes. A 9-team bracket was shared with the LPC superintendents assuming the conference will be a 9-team conference for the 2016-17 school year.

Jim shared that conference passes have been ordered for staff and he will send them out to all the schools. There was a discussion on conference passes and when they are accepted. There has been some occasion where a track meet was held and not all schools in attendance were from the LouPlatte conference so passes were not accepted.

Conference passes accepted or not. If it is a conference school we accept passes. Track meets are different. Host schools have not accepted a conference school passes when it has been an invitational track meet and not just a LPC track meet.

Approval to pay Adam Central for their supplies was made from a motion by Wood River and a second by St. Paul for \$500 for the 2015-16 school year. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion by St. Paul and a second by Centura made approval for the Conference secretary/Treasure Position salary for the 2015-16 for \$3600. This represents a 3% increase.

An update on the conference Secretary/Treasurer Position for the 2016-17 school year and Jim expressed interest in continuing as the Conference Secretary/Treasure. Ord made the motion to appoint Jim LaMaster as the LPC secretary/treasure for the 2016-17 in the amount \$3,750 second by Wood River. Motion carried 6-0.

Joe will be willing to cook the steaks again next year.

Centura said they were willing to host conference basketball in case Kearney Catholic leaves the conference for 2017-18.

John would like to host the LPC quarterly meetings in St. Paul in the new community center meeting. November the 9th. Fall meeting may be Riverside on September 7, 2016. The regular conference superintendent meetings will be held the third Wednesday of every month.

St. Paul motioned to adjourn Centura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.