

Student Athlete Achievement Project

SCS WHISTLER UPDATE

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Whistler Secondary School's "FLEX PROGRAM" is creating higher achievement in both sport and academics for student athletes.

WHISTLER'S SCHOOL OF CHOICE IN SPORT - BACKGROUND

- History of Alpine Skier Program of Excellence (in 1990's)
- Experienced staff (in Sport Academy Program)
- Parent group lobbied School District to bring back an athlete program in 2004/05

WHISTLER'S SCHOOL OF CHOICE IN SPORT - CURRENT SITUATION

- 'Winning Characteristics' classification = Bronze Academy
- Program Outline
 - Program Fee \$600 per athlete
 - Modified academic program (7/8 course load)
 - Academic advisor
 - Limited access to on-line learning (COOL Schools)
 - Flexible scheduling
 - Limited allowable "in-school" training time
 - Limited academic credit
 - Limited connection to athlete services and PSO/NSF's
- Subscription
 - 24 student athletes (grade 8-12)
 - (22) Alpine Skiing, (1) Figure Skate, (1) Snowboard

WHISTLER'S SCHOOL OF CHOICE IN SPORT - FUTURE DIRECTION

- Opportunities
 - "In-house" learning lab (05/06)
 - Improved access to on-line learning
 - Improved program flexibility
 - Increased "in-school" training time
 - Increased BAA Sport Credit
 - Inclusion of more Sport Specific Programs and/or increased numbers in multi-sport athletes
 - SCS Satellite Program option
 - International Program options
 - Experienced champions (staff) of program - continue curriculum and program development
 - SCS Networking - model
 - Improved connection to Athlete Service Organizations and PSO/NSF's
- Challenges (discussed)
 - Ministry funding process
 - Access to School District funding for specialized school programs
 - Difficulty finding International Homestay Families

SCS STRATEGIC ACTIONS

- Continue with SCS Workplan 04-05
- Meeting with Superintendent, District Principal, Trustee re: Future Direction
- Meet with Sport Service Organizations and Club/PSO/NSF's re: Future Needs
- Create Whistler SCS Strategic Plan based on proposed SCS Provincial Structure

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