Proposal to the Monticello School Board January 11, 2023

Proposal: To start a Secondary Student Organization, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), at Monticello High School.

Purpose: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is an organization for both athletes and non-athletes to explore faith. Through study, discussion, and community involvement, FCA strives to make a positive impact on the community, coaches, students, and student-athletes in the classroom and through extracurricular activities.

Membership: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a non-exclusive organization that welcomes any and all who would like to join. It is structured for people who are actively pursuing a relationship with God, but members do not have to consider themselves Christians to join. Membership is restricted to regularly enrolled Monticello Community School District high school students, faculty, and staff. No student may be denied membership on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity as required by state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Members do not have to be active in athletics, however, many of the lessons and discussions will center around leading a Christian life as an athlete. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) strives to be an inclusive group open to questioning and growing by all members. Student attendance is strictly voluntary and student initiated.

When/Where: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), upon receiving permission from the principal, may use the school facilities for group meetings during non-instructional time. That means that meetings will need to be before the first period of the day and after the last period of the day in which any student attends class. All use of school facilities should be coordinated with the principal and the athletic director. The principal will make the determination if the meetings or activities interfere with the educational program or other district operations. The athletic director will help reserve the facilities for use by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). As an approved school organization, meetings and activities should be held at the school. Activities held at other community locations will require additional parental permission.

Parent Permission: For students and student-athletes to attend the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meetings and activities, a parental consent form for each student is required. The teacher sponsor will collect these forms and hold on to them for the duration of the school year. Each school year a new parental permission form will be required for participation. The parental permission form should include at a minimum the information about the organization, meeting and activity dates/times, where they will be meeting, the names of the organizations sponsors, and how to contact the sponsors if the parent has any additional questions.

Organization Sponsors: All non-curriculum related secondary student organizations are required to have a teacher sponsor. The teacher sponsor should be in attendance at all Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meetings and activities. Additional sponsors are allowed and will be required to become approved district volunteers.

Signatures:

Teacher Sponsor

Athletic Director

High School Principal

Superintendent