

Board Committee meeting  
AC/PORTA Cooperative  
February 3, 2015  
6:00 PM

Present: Tim Page, Garrett Savage, Todd Jokisch—A-C Central  
Matt Brue, Joni Churchill, Aaron Kuehl—PORTA

The committee meeting started with introductions and Mr. Page began by noting that the relationship between A-C and PORTA had been emotionally fueled by many things and that he and his Board felt it was important to sit with members of the PORTA Board to work out differences and consider options that might lead to a better relationship.

Joni Churchill explained the rationale behind the PORTA Decision in January and noted that the community had expressed their opinion on the COOP and that before the PORTA Board could consider an athletic Cooperative movement towards more shared courses needed to be considered.

Mr. Savage and Mr. Jokisch noted students from AC were attending some courses at PORTA and that it was possible to try to find other course offerings so that both districts could benefit. A discussion continued about various options available to both districts, which included courses in AG and Industrial tech, nursing, foods, upper level courses and other career and tech education courses. It was noted that A-C is one of the few remaining districts who have a dual credit Science course offered through Lincoln Land and that PORTA Students could benefit from that offering as well.

Mr. Brue and Mr. Page offered to sit down with the Principals to develop a scheduling plan that would include shared courses and then present that plan to both Boards for their approval.

Tim Page asked that since a discussion was taking place about sharing courses, would the PORTA Board consider a Sports Cooperative. Joni Churchill and Aaron Kuehl both explained that shared classes was the way to reconsidering the cooperative, but that a plan would have to be in place and a concerted effort to encourage students to participate would have to be seen before the PORTA Board would make any final decisions. It was noted that the discussion between the two Boards was beneficial and continued discussion should be scheduled after a plan is developed.

The final goal, to develop a schedule of shared courses, will take place prior to the next Board of Education meeting in February so that each Board will have something to consider and a future meeting can be set to make some final decisions about the athletic and academic cooperative.