

Varsity Volleyball Parents,

The Round Rock Christian Academy Board of Directors would like to convey their appreciation for your thoughtful presentation on August 25th. After discussion and consideration, the Board supports the role of administration in our uniform choices for the athletic teams.

Administration met on two separate occasions to discuss the uniform change requested by the girls. The decision to stay with our current uniform requirements was not made lightly. We considered the athletes, both present and future, the effect this decision would have on other school policies and what message we want to send when we are representing the school. We strongly feel that as a Christian School, we are called to stand for our convictions. We want others in the community to see us as representatives of Jesus and see the difference in us. We recognize that some may disagree with our decision, but we take our job of making decisions for Round Rock Christian Academy seriously.

Since 2012, our volleyball program has been extremely successful. During that time, volleyball play has not been hindered by wearing shorts. The majority of this year's team have attended Round Rock Christian for many years and have known that this is a requirement for our team.

With that being said, the Board wanted to make sure that we addressed your concerns of modesty, safety and bullying.

The school is purchasing 4" inseam Spandex to be worn underneath the school-issued volleyball shorts. It has been an expectation that athletes wear Spandex under their uniform shorts. Moving forward the school-issued Spandex will be required as part of the uniform. In addition, we will be speaking to the JV and Varsity Teams to ensure that they are not rolling their school issued shorts. This should address your concerns of modesty and safety.

Administration takes seriously your concerns about bullying. When I was made aware by Coach Keyser that the team from JP II in Plano made inappropriate gestures to our girls, I immediately called their Athletic Director, George Teague, to discuss the situation with him. It has long been the practice for the administrations from TAPPS schools to communicate with each other if any of our schools act inappropriately. When necessary, I have made calls to apologize for the actions of our students and parents and reported situations that need to be addressed with their students and parents.

We do not have the same influence with public schools. That puts us in the position where we have to weigh continuing to play competitive public schools vs. the potential damage that is being done emotionally to the girls by their unkind comments. We do not want to put our athletes in that position. We will speak with Coach Keyser regarding those concerns.

I know that this is not the outcome that you may have desired; however, I appreciate your understanding and your continued support of Round Rock Christian Academy.

Blessings,

Becky Blauser