

**Communication Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes August 16, 2016**

Present: Brad Smith, Donna Brunette, Holly Kopp, Ryan Palmer

Brad opened the meeting by noting that Ellie Multer is unable to continue with the Communication Committee. Brad will request that PDT continue to send Ellie Building Committee meeting minutes. We will discuss the August 3 Forum, begin to draft FAQs, and discuss how to reach out to realtors about the new high school project.

Communication regarding August 3, 2016 Forum:

The Committee drafted the following project update:

MSAD #75 Plans for Athletic Programming During Construction of New High School: The District is seeking State support to develop land for athletic use prior to the construction of the new high school.

MSAD #75 is pursuing State approval for development of athletic fields on two locations on the Mt. Ararat High School campus: First on the newly acquired land near the middle school and second, on the current high school practice field across from Wicked Joe Coffee on Republic Ave. The newly acquired land above the current middle school competition fields would be the future location of the high school competition baseball field.

All athletic programs will continue throughout the construction phase of the project, although plans are in the works for alternative locations of some practices and competitions. MSAD #75 is committed to planning for alternative competition and practice venues in order to minimize the impact of construction on student athletes during the construction phase of the new high school. The Athletic Subcommittee is currently investigating resources within the district, and in neighboring towns that would be available for athletic programming in those sports most impacted by construction of the new high school.

We anticipate that construction will have no impact on Golf, Swimming/Diving, Men's and Women's Ice Hockey and Indoor Track.

We anticipate minimal impact on Cross Country, Wrestling, Men's and Women's Basketball, Cheering, Softball, and Tennis. These impacts may be limited to parking.

Those sports most impacted by construction will be Field Hockey, Men's and Women's Soccer, Football, Men's and Women's Lacrosse, and Track and Field. Baseball may not be impacted if MSAD No. 75 receives state approval for development of athletic fields prior to the construction of the new high school and we have sufficient time for the field to develop.

The Committee will also post the latest articles from the Times Record and The Forecaster regarding the forum on the Construction Website. Along with the links to those two articles, please include the following:

Please refer to the following articles to learn more about the Public Forum from August 3, 2016. The Building Committee will discuss data gathered at the forum and will make recommendations to the School Board about which unfunded components to include in the project and whether those components would be paid for via local tax dollars or private fundraising. PDT Architects and the Building Committee are beginning to plan for construction including work on new roadways, parking, and pre-construction of athletic fields. The next Building Committee meetings are scheduled for September 7, 2016 and September 14, 2016 at Mt. Ararat High School, 5:30 PM.

DRAFT FAQs. Donna/Brad will review answers with PDT prior to posting on website. Donna/Brad will also ask PDT and the Building Committee if they have questions to add to the FAQ.

Outreach to realtors about the new high school project: Donna suggested that perhaps administrators, BC members, PDT, etc host a meeting at a local library for realtors to learn about the new high school. Jane Scease may have a potential date at the library and then the Communication Committee can determine whether to pursue the concept. Brad will reach out to Sue Spann to determine interest by realtors.

**Next Meeting: September 20, 2016 at 3:30, District Office**