

PE/Athletics Subcommittee
March 30, 2017
Mt. Ararat High School - Room 201
5:00 PM

In attendance: Geoff Godo, David Johnson Jr., David Hammond, John Hodge, Matt Cook, Jack Rioux, Krista Chase, Pam Leduc, Rob Hollenbach

Priority List For Fundraising

Committee evaluated and prioritized the post-referendum Fundraising items. These are the items previously identified by the committee as necessities and fundraising efforts need to be focused on these first, before others:

- 1) Baseball Scoreboard (Geoff to provide cost estimates and samples)
- 2) Baseball Dugouts / Fencing (Geoff to provide specs to Rob - see Windham HS)
- 3) Ropes / Climbing Course (Matt to provide cost estimates and samples)
- 4) Synthetic Turf Infill (Committee members to continue research)
- 5) Competition Field Scoreboard (Geoff to provide cost estimates and samples)
- 6) Added Bleachers/Press Box Upgrade (Need specifics from PDT on current plan)

Consideration in order is based upon construction schedule and site availability. Other ideas that have been discussed, but need to be actively pursued AFTER securing funding for the above items, include:

- 1) Outdoor Hall of Honor / Donor Recognition Area
- 2) Additional Bleachers for Baseball / Softball

Rob suggested that a more formal bleacher plan for the baseball field makes more sense from a timing standpoint to pursue during the construction of the field as opposed to later in the project. Geoff stated that we have bleacher seating available to at least meet the need for seating for that field to start. He also expressed concern with having funds raised for a formal bleacher plan at the baseball field and spending the money there early in the project and then possibly not having the funds for the items on this list later. A more extensive bleacher setup could be installed after the project is complete if deemed necessary and cost effective. John H. explained that it was important to make sure that the publicly stated fundraising targets are the focus first, but if a donor came along and was adamant about using their monies for a specific purpose, that would be considered.

Baseball Field / Multi-Purpose Field Site Review

Committee reviewed an updated layout for the baseball field and multi-purpose practice field(s). Geoff discussed the potential changes in the design (flip-flopping the locations of the baseball field and multi-purpose fields) - smaller baseball field in original location with

no space for parking, bleachers, press box, batting cage, bullpen, etc. New location should provide room to accommodate these items.

Geoff pointed out that the specific dimensions of the field (fences) could be modified as necessary.

Jack wondered about possibly moving the High School softball team over to the Middle School field in order to have both baseball & softball in both locations. After discussion it was pointed out that given where we are in the timeline of the project and the constraints of time, this is not a realistic option.

After review of the multi-purpose fields, **a recommendation was made to consolidate those two smaller fields into one larger field** - can still be split for practices as needed and more importantly would provide an additional game field during this building transition process. We would need to evaluate the impact of this on parking.

FAQ Questions

In response to an email request from Brad Smith, the committee identified the following questions that would be researched and answered to be included in a FAQ document or web page relating to the Building Project.

- 1) What types of synthetic turf and infill materials are being considered for the competition field?
- 2) Where are MTA teams impacted by the project going to practice and compete during construction?
- 3) When will competition end on the current MTA fields and begin on the new fields?
- 4) When the time comes, how will the synthetic turf/infill replacement costs be paid for?

Meeting Adjourned - 6:25 PM