

Project Advisory Team (PAT)

December 2, 2010

4:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Notes

Ad Hoc Committee to review athletic field Improvements

Committee Members:

Darrin Kenney, Scott Barker, Jeff Beardsley, ~~Karl Thielking~~, Liz Konar, ~~Douglas Bennett~~, ~~Michaela Ryan~~, Bill Beach, Scott Schindler, Bob Vansice, Bernadette Canfield, Michelle O'Connor, Kathy Hutteman, ~~Alan Shaffer~~, ~~Peter Crooker~~, Brian Domke

1. It was noted there is now a “quick link” on the District website to access the Charge of the committee and view the notes. The link is titled Project Advisory Team.
2. A brief recap of meeting held on November 18 took place.
3. Brian Domke briefly reviewed the scope of the project and cost analysis that was covered on November 18. His continuation at this meeting addressed fencing, security systems, team shelters, maintenance equipment and athletic equipment.
 - a. Fencing would be around perimeter of field 6-8 feet.
 - b. The range for security costs only reflects conduit and cabling to accommodate security cameras. Additional costs for cameras/equipment will be dependent on the type and quality of the equipment purchased.
 - c. Team shelter is generally a metal roof shelter, steel construction with 2 block walls
 - d. Maintenance equipment is that which is needed for grooming turf fields. SED will no longer allow this to be part of the turf product cost.
 - e. Athletic equipment – it is possible some current equipment may be reused; other equipment may need to be replaced.
4. Turf system was discussed. It was noted that the price is dependent upon the quality of the system and the length of warranty. It was stated that SED is requiring a 15 year warranty.
5. It was noted the range estimates presented were construction costs only. Incidental costs (underlayment, excavation, administration, insurance, etc.) would add on an additional 20-30%. A discussion took place regarding the incidental aid process. Any turf or outdoor work is considered by NYSED to be “site work” under incidental construction. Therefore, to be aided a substantial amount of work would also be required to be performed at the associated school building/instructional space.
6. Prevailing wages was discussed. Schools are required to pay at this rate resulting in substantially higher construction/contractor costs than the private sector.
7. The ADA needs were revisited. It was explained that the State is now insisting that all projects meet ADA standards. It was noted that all locations being studied have topographical elevations to deal with to meet these standards. MHS would be the easiest

to deal with since a series of switchbacks would allow access to the stadium. Other areas may need an additional parking area designated for handicapped parking

8. A turf system warranty was discussed. Improper grooming (especially snow removal) tends to be the most common cause for a voided warranty. Even “proper” snow removal (high speed brush) tends to cause the fibers to break down at a quicker pace.
9. The committee worked to define its goals for the project and determine criteria to measure options.
10. Scott Barker discussed the benefits of installing turf fields.
 - a. More functionality for athletics and physical education
 - b. Current grass fields are being overused by school and youth sports. It is difficult to take fields off-line to recover.
 - c. Multi-purpose fields could accommodate practice and competitions
 - d. Fields would be in good condition from beginning to end of season
 - e. Other districts have advantage of practicing on turf. State now requires playoff games be held on turf fields, thus for PCSD to practice field time must be rented from neighboring facilities
 - f. Ability to have multiple teams practicing on same field, better drainage allows for practice even in inclement weather.
 - g. Games would be held even in inclement weather
 - h. Physical education classes would be able to utilize the fields as needed
11. The possibility of grading the land at BRMS was brought up
12. Injury data was questioned. Newer systems provide more cushioning for the user.
13. Youth sports groups have been growing in numbers. There are not enough fields to meet their needs. Data will be presented to show the growth of youth sports groups.
14. Scott Barker will present the District practice schedule based on hours of use and the impact of the turf options.
15. Homework was assigned – members of the committee are to consider what other community groups will look at this project from another perspective. Consider their concerns and preferences and how these can be addressed. The intent is to clearly define the goals of the project, define benefits and drawbacks and a process to evaluate them.

Next meeting December 14nd at 4:00 P.M. BRMS Meeting Room #1 (BOE meeting room)