

Ad Hoc Athletic Steering Committee:  
Minutes from June 2, 2015 Meeting

Members Present:

Bob Barth, Kenny Rotner, Robert Sullivan, Todd Allen, Corey Parker, Ben Genes, Evan Gordon, Sophie Webb, Karen Larson, Kevin Gardner, Cathy O'Brien.

Agenda:

1. Review progress of sub committees: communications, finance and sustainable design
2. Establish meeting schedule for sub committees and steering committee

TA- Dr. Morse will not be present, as he is home ill.

TA-communication subcommittee did meet on May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes were passed out. Consolidation of the message from the group, limit the multiple other communication channels.

Alternative Committee titled, "GO VOTE" is a separate pro-athletic facilities group, although is very different but is not a part of the charge committee from the superintendent.

BB- asked regarding communication within the subcommittee, should that be sent to all members of steering committee or can we limit to the sub-committee.

TA-

KR- If we are following right to know law, which I believe is our goal, email is best for scheduling and informational, but we should stay away from long discussions as that should be reserved for the subcommittee.

BB- Coconut husk, cork infill

Riverdale School, Bronx, NY, has cork infill

BB- Need to make sure we are being careful with the cork industry and the potential

KR- Worried about the coconut husk option as it may affect the palm forest,

BB- Let's look into the TPE option that is being used in Sweden and other European, similar rubber like option that may have wide variation.

SW- Have concerns with it seems, that all artificial option may have issues with them , is it better off to keep the grass option?

KG- There are tradeoffs for all products and the needs for the school district. And so it is important to consider all factors.

BB- It is worth noting that ORYA rests a field each and every season to maintain and sustain the current fields that we have.

KR- Great question and that is part of our role to make sure we can explain and get that message out to the community.

TA- From the finance committee there isn't much to report at this time. Susan Caswell and Dr. Morse are having informal discussions about the project.

KG- Was at a lacrosse game at Laconia, and it was great to see the bricks and other ways of people showed appreciation and support for the project.

KR- There is some clear policy within our ORCSD policy to allow for some opportunities for revenue streams within fundraising.

RS- It is with hope that we can have a plan in place by this fall sport season to be able to advertise at events and raise funds for this project to help offset the cost.

CO- It may be interesting to look into how Dover Pool is being able to raise the funds for their project.

RS- there should be an extra effort to plan for a subcommittee to draft the language for efforts to change the policies with the intent to be able to engage businesses and generate revenue to project. By doing this we hope we can hook individual and businesses to connect and own a part of this project.

TA- It is important to look into grant options within an environmental friendly project. Even in our area there may be opportunities to look into grants available if we can hit certain fitness or environmental areas/goals.

KR- There may be fitness grants available if linking it to added fitness with the track.

RS- I am happy to connect with the GO VOTE group in getting a grass roots effort to start brainstorming and working with the Financing committee about what is allowed within our policy for fundraising.

TA- Communications committee next meeting is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>. Sustainable committee should be able to make a decision in their facilities.

RS- It is important the sustainable committee makes a clear decision on if the project is the project is going to be a crumb rubber infill or not, then we can utilize that message to the rest of the group to spread the same concept.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting- Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm @ ORHS**

**Meeting adjourned 8:22pm**