

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, January 20, 2014

Oliver Administration Building

Present

Subcommittee: Susan Rancourt, Chair; Marjorie McBride, and Paul Silva

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Karen Lynch, Bill O'Dell, Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade, Pauline Silva and Christy Belisle

Guests: Thomas Amaral, Susan Contente, Rhonda Lee Fortin, Joseph Lamora, Tracey McGee and Judy Squires

Susan R. called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Club Tennis and Girls' Field Hockey Funding Discussion

During a recent School Committee meeting, Administration was asked to explore the feasibility of a girls' field hockey team.

Based on that research, Christy Belisle presented to the Subcommittee two scenarios for a girls field hockey team at Mt. Hope High School, one as a club sport (practice only) and the other as a start-up team (Rhode Island Interscholastic League). These scenarios would apply to the 2014-2015 academic year. She commented that field hockey is expensive to fund.

Christy Belisle explained that in order for a sport to comply with Title IX, there must be a plan in place. A plan is required for club sports as well. She emphasized that the proposed plan can be changed within the process.

Christy B. presented the proposed five year plan for a girls' field hockey team with the following progression:

- First & Second Year – Instructional Team (no competitions)**
- Third & Fourth Year – Junior Varsity Team**
- Fifth Year – Varsity Team**

Christy B. stressed that moving forward with a girls' field hockey team is dependent upon many factors including general interest in the sport. At the start of spring sports this year, Christy B. will poll students regarding interest in girls' field hockey.

Boys' tennis will remain a club sport for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Susan R. would like to revisit the subject of Boys' Club Tennis during

the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee Meeting in April. She requested that Christy B. provide a comparison analysis of student participation numbers for boys' club tennis and boys' volleyball.

MHHS Summer Projects

Pauline S. reported that the finish work will be completed during February vacation.

Guiteras & KMS Doors Update

Pauline S. reported that door framing at Kickemuit has been completed. The entire Guiteras and KMS door project will be completely finished during February vacation.

FY14 Budget Update

Pauline S. stated there was nothing significant to report.

FY15 Budget Update

Pauline S. stated that she met with Melinda T. and Mario A. to review each line of the FY15 budget. Based on the results of the line by line review, Pauline S. drafted a document containing revenue projections for FY15. She presented those numbers to the Subcommittee for discussion.

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Adjournment:

MOTION: At 8:11 p.m. Paul S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marj M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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