Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, March 21, 2022 5:30 p.m. (virtual)

Present: Rita Kennedy, BOE Member Brooke Bass, BOE Member Lisa Brady, Superintendent Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent Dave Robertin, Director of Facilities

1. Update on Softball Field

On Tuesday, March 15th, a virtual meeting was held at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the softball field. Attending the meeting on behalf of the district were Rita and Brooke, Lisa, Darrell, Andrew Klaich, Ron and Dave. They were joined by representatives from Tetra Tech and Calgi Construction, and Matt Arone representing the Diamond Club. Tetra Tech and Calgi Construction discussed the progression of the softball field project and some of the circumstances contributing to the project's delays. Tetra Tech acknowledged that they inspected the field in early December and should have notified the district then of the likelihood of the field not being ready for the start of softball season.

On Friday, March 18th at 9:00 a.m. Ron, Dave and Matt Arone met at the softball field with representatives from Tetra Tech, Calgi Construction, and the softball field contractor DeRosa Sports Construction. The team reviewed the status of the outfield sod and reported that while the sod has knitted, additional growth is necessary before they can begin to mow and fill in any low spots. The irrigation system is not completely installed and the infield clay is saturated and soft and needs to dry out and firm up. The team decided to meet on site every two weeks to monitor the field's progress. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Additionally, the district will invite the softball parents to a virtual meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the softball field project and give the parents an opportunity to ask questions. Representatives from Tetra Tech and Calgi Construction will participate in the meeting.

Updates on the field's status will be provided to the Committee as they become available.

2. Update on Springhurst Playground(s)

Several meetings have occurred between Julia, Dave, Ron and the playground designer regarding the plan of repurposing the new kindergarten playground apparatus that is in the 5-12 age range to the lower playground to replace the existing old equipment and installing new age appropriate apparatus in the kindergarten playground. We are waiting for the playground designer to provide us with updated renderings of the new kindergarten and lower level playgrounds. We will continue to update the Committee as necessary.

Additionally, there is interest from the PTSA to help fund an upper playground climbing structure at Springhurst and some type of outdoor structure at the middle school for the special education class.

The PTSA is also funding a horizontal climbing wall for the Springhurst gym and potentially a climbing structure for the middle school gym; however, the middle school project is much more complicated and may not be possible.

3. Other

Brooke inquired about the status of the walkway from Children's Village to Springhurst and the list of recommendations for Phase 2 Capital Project (what to do with the remaining funds). Ron reported that he didn't have an update but will make sure to have one for the next Committee meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022