



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Greg Baker, Superintendent
FROM: Squalicum Turf Fields Phase 2 Planning Committee
DATE: June 13, 2019
SUBJECT: Recommended Phase 2 Site Plan and Improvements

Introduction

As part of the bond approved by voters on Nov. 5, 2013 some existing grass fields at Bellingham Sehome and Squalicum high schools were replaced with new synthetic turf fields (Phase 1). The bond approved by voters on Feb. 13, 2018 provided funds to replace the remaining grass fields at Bellingham Sehome and Squalicum with new synthetic turf fields (Phase 2).

Phase 2 work at Squalicum will replace the existing grass baseball, softball, PE/soccer/football fields with new synthetic turf.

Committee Work

A 14-member planning committee which included district and school administrative staff, P.E. teachers, coaches, student athletes and parents was formed to work together to advise on the necessary design elements associated with the phase 2 fields and to help communicate and gather input from staff, students, and community/parents. The planning committee was comprised of:

- Miguel Perez, Squalicum High School principal, co-chair
- Ron Cowan, Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities, co-chair
- Patrick Brown, Squalicum High School athletic coordinator
- Matt Read, Utility Grounds
- Curtis Lawyer, Capital Projects Manager
- Devante Powell, Squalicum student athlete
- Steve Andersen, Squalicum parent
- Maureen Rowland, Squalicum parent
- Kevin Fry, baseball coach
- Sydney Taggert, fastpitch coach
- Ben Zakheim, fastpitch coach
- Joe McAuliffe, boys soccer coach
- Jose Rodriguez, girls soccer coach
- Rob Zabel, physical education teacher

The committee met two times during April to review the initial proposed design and provide input design revisions. The committee also hosted a project open house on May 16 where parents and neighbors were able to view draft plans and provide feedback and input.

Recommendation

As a result of its work, the committee recommends the site plan as shown below:



- The committee also recommends the Phase 2 work include:
 - Lighting for all fields
 - Dugouts for baseball and softball
 - Batting cages for baseball and softball
 - Bleacher seating at all fields
 - Two restroom facilities
 - Concession stand
 - Storage buildings
 - Fencing and ball control netting
 - Flag poles
 - Paved ADA accessible drive/walkway

Conclusion

We are requesting your authorization:

- To direct the design team at DA Hogan and associates to proceed based on the site plan and work cited above

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information about our recommendation or process.