



**Minutes Meeting #4**  
**Bellingham High School**  
**Turf Fields Phase 2 Planning Committee**  
**Monday, December 9, 2019**

Chad Larsen, Activity/Athletics Coordinator at Bellingham High School welcomed the group together. Minutes from the November 25 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Jeff Burke from DA Hogan, shared Option 5.2 which included revisions from suggestions from the last meeting.

Revisions included:

- Opening the northwest corner for any proposed future development. This also provides high visibility for the school and a dedicated open spot on the field for school use and emergency evacuations.
- Moved batting cages to east side and south sides of the field.
- Relocated the maintenance shed to the north east allowing access from Options parking.
- Added an additional gate to the north that allows easier access from the north end of the site. Bleachers will be moveable if we need more room to get through.
- On west side are concessions, restrooms and storage. Baseball program felt good about having enough storage in the dugouts. Actual storage designation still needs to be worked out, but they do not block visibility from the school.
- Score boards - softball on the lower south east wall and baseball on south side of field for visibility.

This plan leaves the maximum flexibility, open and visible, but provides a lot of usable field space.

Discussion followed with suggested additional adjustments to Option 5.2.

Revisions included:

- Relocate the girls batting cage down to the south end. The soccer field could shorten up to be able to make the batting cage fit in there better.
- Shift storage and concessions south approximately 60 feet south. May require readdressing scoreboard locations. Portable outfield fence probably placed at the south end of the field.
- Adding a pedestrian gate near the softball field and on the baseball field. These would be locked to eliminate foot traffic at least preliminary. Fence height to increase from 4 feet to 8 feet. Provide a 4-foot fence between the phase 1 field and phase 2 field to allow seeing multiple sports occurring at the same time with rolling gate access. Provide access gates around backstop areas.
- Consolidate space between bleachers to reduce bleacher area footprint.
- Adjust soccer field size from 210x360 to 195x330 to fit within field space (due to softball batting cage relocation).

- Remove on-deck circles.

Jeff will make the final adjustments and will share Options 5.3 with the committee for their approval.

The potential groundbreaking date will be sometime between April and June. It will not occur later than when school is out for the summer. April conditions can often still be wet and soggy. The project will take approximately six months to complete.

Meeting adjourned. 11:35