

**Barnard Field Committee
South High School
January 11, 2017**

Attendees: Scott Schluter, Steve Richter, Emma Schluter, Joe Branca, Maddy Tennant, Alicia Skow, Theresa Bulander , Ray Aponte, Dave Wicker, Derric Johnson, Brett McNeal, Harold Benson, Judy Ayers, Flannery Clark

Next Site Council meeting: Feb 27.

The Committee would like to meet 2-3 times before this meeting.

Committee goals:

From 1/5/17 Site Council Motion: to form a committee to work directly with district staff to continue this process in regards to Barnard Field.

Have lack of understanding as to what process the district is looking for.

How can we be the catalyst for this plan?

Needs Assessment: (define vested parties for input) Coaches, Physical Education program, students, administration, security, maintenance, communications, Foundation, Park Board, Attendance Area and Neighborhood Organizations.

Gathering of information:

1. Motion to: Charging Athletic Department to survey as many coaches at South as possible. Requesting their wants and needs for their programs. Compile this information and present at the next meeting.

a. Motion carries

2. Should also include the number of students involved in these sports, how many teams and which levels.

3. At a minimum (noted in no particular priority), include Football, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Rugby, La Crosse, Track and Field. A goal is to hold Track and Field Meets. What are the minimum requirements to accomplish this? Shot Put, Long Jump, Pole Vaulting, etc. Would 6 lanes be sufficient to meet these needs versus 8 lanes?

4. Physical Education Classes – 1200 kids, what other needs?

5. Student input.

6. Parent input.

7. Weight Training uses.

8. Bleacher Capacity – anticipate the needs for night football games, Super Soccer Saturday, Track Meets, etc. Use of folding bleachers.

9. Artificial Turf versus Grass.

10. Parking Needs – for Community and Events.

Practice Needs:

Document practice needs and inadequate green space struggles with surrounding parks.

Process:

This Committee will report to the Site Council. The Site Council will report to the District. Asst. AD Dave Wicker is the District Representative to this Committee.

Other Considerations:

1. Closing of 30 1/2 Street. Would need to include the Corcoran neighbors and a Community Meeting.
2. 31st and 21st Av S are State Aid Streets.
3. Other Minneapolis Schools have hosted meets. None have hosted Sectional or Regional – space/parking needs are too great.
4. Lighting – needing neighborhood outreach and meetings. Screening for neighbors.

Future New Barnard Field Committee Meeting Dates:

- January 25th, Wednesday, 4:30-6pm, conference room.
- February 8th, Wednesday, 4:30-6pm, location TBD.

PUSH Meeting

- February 13th, Monday, 6:00 - 8:00pm, Media Center.
 - Students will report findings. Dinner begins at 6pm and meeting begins at 6:30pm.

Site Council Meeting

- February 27, Monday, 4:00-5:30pm, Site Council Meeting.
 - Final Presentation of New Barnard Field Committee Plan

Goals/Action Items:

1. Gather and Compile information from as many stakeholders as possible. (AD office)
2. Determine minimum space needs and dimensions. Can a six/eight lane track fit on this site, with consideration to minimum field sizes? (Coaches criteria).
3. Considerations for the Landscape Architect Jay Pomeroy (Joe, Emma and Maddy to review):
 - a. a press box

- b. how to address the trash under the bleachers
 - c. Could usable space be designed under the bleachers?
 - d. Could bleachers be partially cantilevered over 30 1/2" street?
 - e. how much storage is needed?
 - f. Should the entry stay in the same location?
 - g. Consider what the façade should look like.
 - h. Consider installing footings for a future dome.
 - i. Field Lighting/coverage
 - j. Security Cameras and signage. Many existing signs saying "no", "no" "no".
Some regulatory signs are required, but is there a better way?
4. Gather input from Physical Education, maintenance, security and communications (Scott)
 5. Contact appropriate people about petitioning to close 30 1/2" street (Ray/Flannery)
 6. Contact Jim Liston (Theresa)
 7. Blast information to the Foundation (Judy)
 8. Speak with the Southerner/gather student input (Emma, Joe, Maddy)
 9. Communicate with Lisa to create a survey for parents (Steve)
 10. Get stance from City Council Alondra Cano (Ray)