

*Northbridge School Committee
Fields and Fees Subcommittee*

Date: *Thursday, September 28, 2009*

Time: *6:00 pm*

Location: *Administration Building*

Minutes

Present: *Fred Beauregard, Susan Brouwer, Selena Livingston*

Absent: *Julie Gawlak*

Others in attendance: *Rich DeLuca, Michael Gauthier, Susan Gorky, Paul Halacy, Allan Richards, Melissa Walker, Alicia Cannon: Chair Parks & Recreation, Dwayne Fitzgerald: Parks & Recreation, Louie Bernard Jr.: Parks & Recreation*

Call to Order: *Fred Beauregard called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm*

Discussion:

Fields:

- *Fred Beauregard will contact the BPCC to get the amount of money that remains for the fields and get an understanding of how the money can be spent. Al Richards will get quotes on portable end goal posts for the fields above the high school so more games can be played in those fields and give LaSalle some relief. Suggestions were provided on other equipment to purchase and projects that would benefit the children at these fields.*
- *Paul Halacy will put a permanent sign at the entrance to the fields alerting people that only handicap cars are allowed to travel on the road, not even buses. There have been recent instances where buses and non-handicapped cars have been parked at the fields.*
- *Further discuss and review of how to best utilize the “Field House for Community Use” will take place. Discussion points: concerns about student safety, custodian pay, conflict of schedules in the field house for previously committed events, staffing requirements/pay, positive public relations and starting with one initiative (i.e. 5 am – 7 am walking track) were discussed.*

- *Fund raising will begin for the “Friends of LaSalle Field Improvement Campaign” with a table for donation-collection at the upcoming October Home Coming Event.*
- *The “Fees and Fields sub-committee” along with the Parks and Recreation Department will explore re-sodding or artificial turf at LaSalle.*
- *Selena Livingston has agreed to coordinate the “Sports Calendar” fund raiser for the “Friends of LaSalle Field Improvement Campaign”.*

Fees:

- *The following motion was made by Sue Brouwer: “A comprehensive review of all possible charges/fees to generate revenue throughout the Northbridge Public School District should be started.” Seconded by Selena Livingston. The vote was unanimous.*
- *The following areas will be reviewed and evaluated for a charge/fee: food service fee; facilities fees; bus fees; athletic fees; parking fees; activities fees and pre-school fees.*
- *Sue Gorky and Melissa Walker will begin reviewing each of these areas beginning with bus fees as that contract is coming up for negotiations. Melissa Walker shared with the committee her findings on bus fees from surrounding towns.*

The next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Admin Building.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:40 pm

Sincerely,

*Frederick Beauregard
Chair: Field & Fees Sub-Committee
School Committee Member*