

TUHSD ATHLETIC COUNCIL

NOTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

1. **Present:** Christina Amoroso, Liz Chacón, Deborah Dilley, Pete Donoff, Gina Feiner, Denise Helstrom, Barbara Kelly, Laurie Kimbrel, Chris McCune, Jessica Peisch, Gary Newman, Chad Stuart. Sue, Bob Walter,
2. **2012-13 Athletic Report to the Board:** A copy of this year's athletic report to the Board at their May 22, 2013 meeting was distributed to AC members with the agenda.
3. **2013 TUHSD Coaches of the Year:** The Board will recognize the TUHSD Coaches of the Year at a reception on May 22. This year's coaches of the year are:
 - a. Tamalpais: Dustin Nygaard, Boys' Varsity Soccer
 - b. Drake: John Zerbe, Girls' Varsity Lacrosse
 - c. Redwood: Heather Brabo, Cheer
4. **Tam/Redwood Turf Field Updates:** At their January 23, 2013 meeting, the Board agreed to fund field improvements from the 2001 Bond funds as follows: Tam: \$462,000 toward full cost of turfing the infield of the varsity baseball field. Redwood: \$500,000 toward an estimated \$1,023,264 cost to turf Ghilotti Field. The balance is to be raised by private donations.
 - a. Tam: District representatives recently walked the grounds with the company selected to turf the infield of baseball. Work is anticipated to begin about June 17 with completion by August 9.
 - b. Redwood: \$170,000 has been raised so far without a grand scale push. In next 2 weeks, the Redwood Foundation plans to go to members of community for remaining \$330,000, with the hope of fully funding the project by October. The plan to start soon after June 17 and finish in October. The selection is a newer version of turf compared to the football field. The ball will react as if playing on grass.
 - c. Tony Catrino is coordinating both projects. The District is using same company as did Drake's last turf field. Bob Walter: The critical issue is what goes under the carpet for drainage, etc. There is some concern about flooding for both fields. There needs to be a reserve fund for replacing the carpet in the future.
5. **Athletic Council Ground Rules:** Sue shared excerpts from the athletic handbooks and the athletic website about the role of the AC. Meetings are open to the public. In the discussion, it was suggested that in formal meetings, invite public participation on agenda items, return to AC discussion. Is the AC an internal working committee or open forum? Agendas will be posted on line under "Athletic Council" at www.tamdistrict.org/athletics although the AC is not a Brown Act committee. Laurie Kimbrel mentioned that the Board has systematically been reviewing Board Policy over the past year. It is time to bring athletic policies for review next year. The AC should have input into that review. The audience should not be sitting with the AC, but should be able to give input in organized manner.
6. **Club Basketball:** Apparently, District coaches are listed on the website of the North Bay Basketball Academy's web site as endorsing their program off season. Some coaches are employed by the NBBA off-season. There have been complaints that some (unnamed) coaches are requiring that athletes participate in NBBA to the exclusion of other club programs.
 - a. District policy requires that TUHSD coaches may not use their position as a school coach or the name of the school to publicly endorse a third party club program.
 - b. The Athletic Council reinforced support of multiple sport athletes. Redwood has an award for an athlete who competes for the school for 12 seasons of sport, no matter what level.

- c. Deborah Dilley: Club athletics should be the athlete's choice, not the coach's. Pressure comes in the off the season when the sports collide. There is a problem with off season "optional" community opportunities that just happen to have the same coach and roster as the school sport in season.
7. **Social Media Policy:** Sue Chelini distributed the social media policy in the Parent-Student Handbook along with a potential policy that had been shared at CSADA. After discussion about how social networking and the District efforts on bullying, the AC agreed that Sue will expand the paragraph in the handbook, but not be as detailed as the one from CSADA including the disciplinary suggestions. She will share this with the AC before inclusion in the handbooks.
8. **Season Updates:** The Athletic Council referred to the 2013 TUHSD Report to the Board for the comprehensive report on the site athletic programs. Jessica Peisch mentioned that Redwood definitely made a big run at the end of the spring season. Pete Donoff reported that some teams have gone further into NCS playoffs than ever before. Drake's boys VB is in the NorCals.
9. **Site Athletic Budgets:** Deborah Dilley asked whether it is true that the District athletic budgets are equal for all three schools. This is true with the exception of local funding including booster club and gate proceeds over \$15,000. The basic site expenses are the same to field the same number of teams. However, sites with larger teams do have a big issue with additional uniform costs. There was discussion about how the budget could take into account the size of the program. Kimbrel said that the total dollars for the program would be the same. If the split was different, it would take away from one school to add to another.
10. **Busses:** Deborah Dilley also asked if there a way to combine all the schools and single contract for them? We should ask Lori Parrish if there is a way to negotiate with bus vendors from a position of strength. Post-season busses are unpredictable, but preseason and in-season (Justin Siena) bussing needs are known in advance. The Tam Boosters have a policy that their primary purpose for funding busses is to keep driving athletes off the road. They do not fund Saturday trips or night games were parents are available to drive. We should always contract for the smallest bus available for the number of athletes to be transported.
11. **Athletic Trainers:** What priority level is District funding for the ATC's? The primary site parent clubs have raised over \$1,000,000 over the years to support certified athletic trainers at each site. This level of support may not last forever. Redwood was the first. Laurie Kimbrel said the District is looking at short and long-term athletic budget goals:
 - a. ADs time and workload: How much time they give. In this budget climate, it is hard to sell more administrative time.
 - b. Increasing student enrollment and how to accommodate increasing athletic participation.
 - c. ATCs: Positions that are important should be funded by the District.
 - d. TUHSD will not get any new state school funding. We will be spending less per student in the future as we have increasing enrollment and are dependent primarily on property and parcel taxes.
 - e. At this time there is we are going one year at a time. ATCs are not in the 2013-14 District budget.
12. **Online Athletic Participation Form:** Christina Amoroso and her TA have created a new APF which will parents will fill out on-line through Googledocs. The data will translate to a separate Excel spreadsheet for each school. This will make it much easier for the AD/AD Assistants manage the information for each athlete. The District has approved the form so long as a paper option is still available for those who may not have computer access. Parents will turn in a single page APF form PLUS the signature page from the physical examination by the physician.

Confirm future meeting dates:

Athletic Council: Tuesdays, 2:30-4:00, Carlisle Creekside

Athletic Directors Only, Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00, Carlisle C

Superintendent/Athletic Directors, Superintendent's Office, Fridays, 1:00-2:00

Marin Athletic Foundation

Outstanding Athlete Dinner: Monday, May 13, 2013

National Interscholastic Athletic Administrator's Association

Anaheim, December 14-18, 2013

CA State Athletic Directors Association

San Diego, April 10-13, 2014