



Bronc Nation News

Hamilton School District #3

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Important Dates:

February 7

Curriculum Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon at the District Office

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Community Presentation of the Athletic Complex, 6:30 PM High School

February 13

Regular School Board meeting, 6:30 PM at the Daly Den

February 14

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon at the District Office

February 21

Curriculum Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon at the District Office

February 28

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon at the District Office

Hamilton Community Member,

On Tuesday, January 30, the board approved the athletic complex design and the installation of synthetic turf. The benefits, safety and cost of synthetic turf were discussed by board members and received much public comment. The benefits of synthetic turf are greater safety, access/field consistency, and lower annual maintenance costs.

Multiple longitudinal studies have demonstrated that modern synthetic turf is as safe as natural grass. Synthetic turf can support greater access because it does not require the same amount of “field recovery” time that natural grass requires and synthetic turf is more resistant to “inclement weather.” It is also estimated that the District will realize an annual savings of at least \$15,000 in maintenance costs.

One of the most common concerns of synthetic turf comes from the infill that is made from recycled tires. The District will review a variety of infills and select a product that does not come from recycled tires. The difference between installing synthetic turf and natural grass is about 7.5% of the total budget for the athletic complex. This amount has been factored in since the original conceptualization of the project and continues to be within budget parameters.

Rehabilitation is expected to occur between 10 and 15 years. Ronan, MT and Laurel, MT have used their synthetic turf fields for 10 years and are expecting another 4 to 5. The district will begin addressing the funding for the eventual rehabilitation immediately through field advertisements, fees, and other fundraising efforts.

If you have any questions regarding synthetic turf, this project, or anything else please don't hesitate to contact me by phone, email, or set up an appointment.

Thank you for all of your support!

Tom Korst, Superintendent

Athletic Complex Renderings as of February 1, 2018



Please join us Wednesday, February 7, in the High School library to view and learn more about the athletic complex project.

