

**Belmont School Committee  
Policy Subcommittee Meeting  
May 16, 2019  
School Administration Building**

**Present:** Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox  
Ms. Kate Bowen  
Ms. Amy Checkoway  
Mr. Michael Crowley  
Ms. Andrea Prestwich  
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent  
Ms. Mary Pederson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

**2. Review/Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes for the group to review/approve.

**3. School Name Update**

The group discussed the results of a survey of students and staff regarding the naming of the new school building. It was agreed that the School Committee will review and consider these proposals at an upcoming meeting. Most recommended names involved Belmont and either Middle, High or Junior High.

**4. Rink Update**

Superintendent Phelan presented drawings as well as a memorandum from Jim Davis regarding the space needs for Belmont High School teams including the hockey team. In addition to ice time in a rink, teams could utilize space for storage, training, showering and dressing for practices and games.

**5. Harris Field Update**

Superintendent Phelan presented a memorandum from Athletic Director Jim Davis regarding the likelihood of an increase in usage of Harris Field during construction of the 7-12 school. The town currently has an agreement to limit the nighttime usage. However, the construction will eliminate the use of several fields requiring an increase in usage of Harris Field. After an extensive discussion, the group agreed to have the Superintendent draft a letter to the abutters as well as report on the potential increase at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

**6. Community Path Update**

The group discussed recent decisions of the Board of Selectmen to investigate the possibility of designing a path on the south side of the MBTA tracks. A path on the south side would likely impact school property. At one time there was a discussion regarding the possibility of having to modify the structure of the current field house to accommodate a path. The Board of Selectmen were in the process of discussing the need to acquire private property from other abutters. The Committee agreed to discuss this further upon hearing additional information from the Board of Selectmen about the progress with their negotiations with other abutters.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by



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Susan Burgess-Cox