

BAAC Meeting - June 8, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Present:

Scott Thomas
Katie Egan
Ashley Bishop
Meghan Fligg
Scott Swaylik
Rebecca Robke
Hannah Clark

Not Present:

Jen Swaylik
Will Robke
Brendan Dowling
Jason Gourdine
Olivia Gourdine
Eugene Jordan
Alivia Varetimos
Julia Ryan
Gibby Guimond
Chris Ryan
Ted Guazzaloca

- Scott - We are just concluding our spring season. We have successfully had 4 seasons when we traditionally have had three, which is a testament to our student athletes, families and coaches. Kids, coaches and families adjusted well. We only had two quarantines related to athletics for the entire 2020-2021 year.
- We are in our spring athletics final push. In prior seasons (2020-2021) we had the Cape & Islands Championship. Due to running out of time, and the COVID restrictions being lifted, we are going to instead play in the MIAA tournament. We could play as late as early July 2021. Most of our teams have opted into the MIAA tournament. Softball has decided not to play in the postseason. The MIAA tournament will be a regional tournament, as opposed to a true state tournament.
- Fall 2021 sports will start August 20th for football, with August 23rd for all other sports. This is a few days earlier for all other sports. We plan on operating at 100% without restrictions (COVID). Our Fall coaches meeting will be June 14th at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Coaches will then be responsible to reach out to their teams individually via Zoom, prior to the end of the school year. This will allow us to relay the dates for tryouts, requirements to be eligible, sport specific expectations, etc.

- On June 14th we will also have our senior athlete signing/commitment day ceremony at 2:15 pm at the main athletic entrance at BHS. We have approximately 12 student athletes. It will be about 15-20 minutes and we will follow COVID guidelines.

MASCOT

- The athletic department is currently working on quotes for outfitting all athletic teams with new uniforms. The Cobb Trust has shown interest in helping to defray costs. We will be the RedHawks. Next year will be a huge time as we transition to this new logo. We will start this process in the fall.
- Meghan - the committee felt that student voice was important for this process. The BHS art department provided the artwork. The School Committee is hopeful to have the artwork picked and chosen by the July School Committee date. Scott - this will be tricky in terms of timeframe as it will take at least 6 weeks to produce uniforms for all of the fall athletic teams.

MIAA WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

- Ashley - every year the MIAA celebrates Women in Sports Day. Each school chooses two student athletes to represent their school. Ashley and Meghan had a gathering in the library to view the ceremony. Kate Brewster and Morgan Dardia were the BHS representatives.

STADIUM UPDATE

- Ashley - the plan for the current stadium is to replace the turf and the track. It won't be budgeted until the next fiscal year, which is July 1, 2021. They still need to do the run-off testing which could cause a delay. The project will take at least 10 weeks, possibly causing some issues for fall athletic teams - home contests. Wells still need to be installed, and then we will need a fairly significant rainfall to get the proper results.
- Scott - Mark Ells will need to determine that the PFOS is not impacting our nearby watersheds. There is a good chance that our stadium will not be available for fall home contests as it will be under construction. This will potentially cause many away contests for our football program. Renting fields from someone else is not likely to happen, as moving the home football operations can be difficult in terms of time, money and logistics. We will certainly have to work outside of the box for the fall football season. Playing on the grass field does not seem to provide enough room to safely play. We will need to plan for a worst case scenario as we continue to monitor this situation.
- Rebecca - could replacing the turf after the fall season be a potential option? We would need to do another GMax test to get approval, but this is something we can explore (Scott). We will play varsity soccer and field hockey on the new turf, and play sub-varsity on the grass. Football will practice on the grass, but we will continue to look at a home playing surface.
- Scott - we are looking forward to getting to Phase 2 and replacing the softball field to pull the outside facilities together.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Scott - we are looking to get the advisory board more involved in what agenda items appear in our meetings.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Rebecca - could the first go on the uniforms just say Barnstable, as opposed to RedHawks and the new logo? Scott - absolutely. That will be something we will address with higher administration.
- Ashley - We have a new principal and she is responsive. Getting her involved in athletics would be beneficial both near and long term. Scott - we will look to invite her to the first or second fall meeting. This will be a good way to establish and build relationships with her and the advisory team.