



Dear Parents,

I wanted to take a moment and update all of you regarding the soccer field re-seeding project that the PTA has been working towards. The project included adding new soil to the field to level it out and adding new seed on the areas that have been worn away to just dirt. We originally planned on the seed being done this past spring and closing the field until the fall to allow for the seed to take hold. We had been working with the church's landscaper as they are very familiar with the property. Plans were made last fall with the intention of moving forward as the weather improved.

As I'm sure you are aware, the PTA works under the umbrella of the school, which is also under the larger umbrella of the church. All that we do must go through approval of both to move forward. This spring as the project start date drew near, our plans came under some scrutiny from the business manager at the FDC. Mr. Schramke, the business manager, feels that our plan of re-grading and seeding the field will not be up to code. He has brought in some additional landscapers as well as an architect to draw up plans for the field. He is looking to expand the soccer field, correct ongoing irrigation issues, and plant an athletic grade turf. This new expanded project includes architectural planning, permitting, testing, etc. and has far outgrown the budget the PTA has for the project. At this point the project is at a standstill waiting on property survey results as well as planning board and budgetary approvals.

I have informed Mr. Schramke that the PTA would be willing to donate the funds we have set aside for the original project to this newly expanded project but we simply can't afford to do all that he is looking to do. It is my hope that the church will continue to move forward with this improvement for the field as Mr. Schramke has told me they are planning to do, but at this time it is truly out of PTA hands. I apologize to all of you that we could not complete this project, as I know how much everyone was looking forward to it. I am still in contact with Mr. Schramke and plan to keep up to date on the progress of the soccer field as well as the other school improvements being worked on. Mr. Schramke has been very open with me regarding the planned improvements for the school and school grounds. I will continue to update you as I know more on the progress of the soccer field as well as any additional improvements ahead.

Thank you all for your continued patience!

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