

## **Principal Report**

February 27, 2020

### 1. Update on athletic construction:

A. Site work for field house has been OK'd and contracts signed. Cost is \$310,000. Includes layout of fieldhouse, pad, second practice field, sewer pipes laid down, re-contouring of retention pond. Contractor is ready to go and has done preliminary work. All that is holding him back rainy weather.

B. Field house itself— All specs completed by architect and approved. Must receive approval to bid the process formally in March 18, 2020 Archdiocesan Finance Council Meeting. We will also ask them for approval to go forward if bids come in at less than 1.5 to 1.6 million. We are talking informally with contractors to get better estimates. Once approved, we'll expect a quick turnaround time for bids to come in. Once we agree on a contractor, we'll need the contract to be approved by the archdiocese, and there may be a signing ceremony with the Archbishop. Best case would begin construction in April, but May is possible. Though this has taken longer than I wanted, there are many moving parts. Architect estimates a 8 month building period. If it starts in May, it should be completed around January 2021. These are best guesses.

Currently we have about 1.9 million for both projects. We'll have to see what the bids come back on as to whether we can outfit the field house with new equipment, old equipment or some combination of old/new. Also to be determined is how much landscaping we can afford at this juncture.

2. Update on debt payback— Included with the finance packet is an excel spreadsheet file that Kathy and I have prepared for a meeting with Michele Manry, the CFO of the Archdiocese, and Fr. Skoneki, the Vicar General, to make sure we're on the same page with our payment plan. I'll talk through this with you at our meeting.

3. The strategic planing process is going well. I met with Planning and Policy last week, and we began to sort through all the various recommendations from students, parents and teachers. We should be able to get you a draft document for the March meeting, with the hope to finalize the document in April. We'd then spend the summer with graphic designer and have this published for the fall of 2020.

4. We are also creating an annual magazine which we hope to publish in late April. It will eventually evolve into an alumni magazine, but for now it will be mailed to "all Cardinal students and supporters, past and present." Jeanne Lazzari is working on this with me. The first issue will be anchored by three stories: one about our first graduates, home from college for Christmas, one about memories of the "first faculty" from our founding in 2016, and one focused on current students, as they reflect on how our "renaissance emphasis" has shaped them during their high school years. The magazine will also be punctuated by quick "blips" from our current students about life around SM.

5. The school year is going well. Our kids and parents are wonderful. If I had to point to a concern, it's that we have too many absences, partly the result of the flu and other illnesses, partly because we lost the sense that class time is sacred.