The Facilities Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Jennifer Cullum, Andre King, Sara Ahern, Doug Boulanger, Katri Mullaly, Jennifer Hingston, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Cullum called the meeting to order at 9:04AM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026.

Field Rental Fee Structure Framework Discussion

- Ms. Cullum stated Dr. Ahern sent the group a document with the potential fee framework. Dr. Ahern stated she met with Doug Boulanger and Jennifer Hingston last week and they created the document as a starting point. The A1 category was added for groups that meet the local non-profit criteria. They went through the group of renters to see if they met the criteria. They used the same percent difference that was between Group A and B to be between group A and A1. This includes the high school fields and not the recreation fields and fees.
- Mr. King stated this is concise and he appreciated the grid. He reached out to a representative from the Silver Bullets and their feedback was positive. It will be easier to keep kids playing.
- Ms. Cullum asked if there is a mechanism by which people can revisit their applications if they were excluded from the Barnstable non-profit list.
- Katri Mullaly stated Barnstable Boys Basketball is the BHS boys team. Girls Youth Lacrosse and Youth Basketball are Cape-wide. Youth football and the Silver Bullets cheerleaders are the only ones that are mainly from Barnstable, but they do allow other Towns who do not have youth football programs to join.

Update on Door Upgrades in the District

- Mr. Boulanger stated there was a kickoff meeting last week. They are walking the schools this week for BIS, BCIS, BUES, and HyWest. They will be going out to bid for the other schools soon. There are two project managers assigned and one architect. They started looking at measurements and doors.
- Ms. Cullum asked if there was a date set for BCIS. Mr. Boulanger stated they will be looking at it this week. They are starting with the doors that are not used and then when the school is closed, they will replace the main doors. Some of the doors only need the door replaced while others need the frame and the door.
- Ms. Mullaly stated the exterior doors at BUES will have the card readers.

Facilities Subcommittee Communication

- Dr. Ahern suggested this item given the Community Engagement conversation at the last meeting. She has been adding Mr. Boulanger's presentations at the School Committee meetings to her newsletter each month. She wanted to see if there are other things that the School Committee would want to see in a community update around facilities.
- Ms. Cullum stated there was an article in The Atlantic stating community engagement can be a bad thing. For the Committee, it is about getting the word out to the people about what is going on. On the DPW page on the Town's website, Town Council has updates on major projects. She asked if people would go to the school's website to see updates.
- Ms. Mullaly stated she met with Noreen Jones, who is in charge of the website, and she suggested a landing page for Facilities. There are ADA requirements for postings on the website. She is looking into it.
- Mr. Boulanger stated the landing page could be updated daily.
- Ms. Cullum stated it enforces transparency and credibility.
- Mr. King stated, relative to the website, the community does not need to hear about every project, only the larger ones. He has seen information about the air quality at BUES in Dr. Ahern's newsletters. Community engagement is needed. He asked if this Committee is inviting people to come to the meetings when we talk about the MSBA projects and have overarching facilities conversation. He asked how this Subcommittee can facilitate these conversations. Have a community forum?

- Ms. Cullum stated, at this point, we are gathering information on facilities. Once it is gathered, then we bring it to the public.
- Dr. Ahern stated the big ideas can be brought to the broader community as part of the roundmap. The rest of the School Committee is being brought along with Mr. Boulanger's presentations at the meetings.
- Ms. Cullum stated we need to bring all the information together in one place to understand the big picture.

Next Steps

- Dr. Ahern needs direction around the rental fee structure based on the draft proposal. It will need to go to the School Committee as a whole for fee approval.
- Ms. Cullum asked Mr. King if he was actively reaching out to the non-profit youth groups. Mr. King stated yes and he still has people to hear from.
- Ms. Mullaly stated they need the criteria and composition of the participants in the groups and what they can ask for legally.
- Dr. Ahern stated she can reach out to other districts and see how they are doing it.
- Ms. Mullaly looked at the districts on Cape and Plymouth and only Plymouth has a discount for non-profit youth groups from their town.
- Mr. King stated the fees in the other communities are lower or non-existent.
- Ms. Mullaly stated the Recreation Department fee schedule is different than ours and they are going to rent the majority of the fields.
- Ms. Cullum asked Dr. Ahern if she should talk to Mark Ells or the Recreation Department before moving forward with a new fee schedule. Dr. Ahern stated she would talk to Mark Ells on Thursday.
- The next Facilities Subcommittee meeting will be on March 11 at 4:30pm.

Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant