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Existing Conditions

A Sharing of resources

How it works well

The district provides resources (buildings and fields) to Twp programs in most cases without a fee.

The Twp shares their resources (CRC and fields) as well for school district programs.

Recommended Improvements

Sharing resources is imperative.

The school district and TWP need improved lines of communication

The school district should review the policy requiring associations to pay fees to use facilities

Until additional PTSD facilities are built, the TWP should make the CRC more available to the school district.

B Field Maintenance

How it works well

For the most part, fields are maintained to a satisfactory level

Recommended Improvements

The TWP, district and associations need to develop a better line of communication to address field maintenance issues.

The plan needs to be a unified plan with input from all

Immediate Projects

A Area of Improvement

Addition to McMurray(preferred) or Bower Hill - This addition needs to include:

Full size gym/bleachers/score board - similar to Elementary schools in Canon Mac, USC and Chartiers Valley

Practice facilities for dance teams, cheer leading teams, etc.

Music rooms for band and chorus instruction and rehearsal.

Solution

Fast Track a design by the building architects to add on to either facility.

Designs should maximize space while utilizing cost effective solutions

Approve design and secure funding

Authorize construction - 12 month window

A potential financing plan could include the school district and TWP sharing the cost of the facility

The school utilizes the facility during school hours/the TWP uses and staffs the facility during evening hours

Value to District

By adding on to either school, programs sponsored by the schools would have space to use.

McMurray would be first choice due to proximity of PTMS and PTHS therefore minimizing transportation issues.

B Area of Improvement

Addition of a Girls Gym at the High School, to include:

locker rooms, training rooms, weight room, practice area for cheer/dance teams,

practice area for wrestling team, hitting cages for baseball/softball, indoor football practice facility

Solution

modify the scope and redevelop previous design

Value to District

The demand for facilities continues to grow as the community grows.

Our most valuable resource are the children in this community.

Having sufficient facilities is imperative to the success not just of the kids but of the community.

The activities of our kids bring members of the community together and strengthens a community.

C Area of Improvement

Turning lane at the High School

Solution

Investigate the possibility of a turning lane to relieve traffic

Traffic study through township or Penn Dot

Value to District

The HS property will continue to be a centerpiece of activity for years to come.

Developing a solution to the traffic issue will alleviate congestion in the morning, afternoon and during evening events

Short Range

A Area of Improvement

Addition to PTMS - This addition needs to include:

Full size gym - minimum of 2 courts with a divider

Bleachers/score board for main court - score board/portable bleachers for other court

Floor to be a synthetic surface that would allow for multiple use

Practice facilities for dance teams, cheer leading teams, etc.

Music rooms for band and chorus instruction and rehearsal.

Configure batting cage nets to be lowered from ceiling

Indoor track around perimeter of courts with netting

Locker rooms for PTMS football and softball located in end zone area of field behind the DAO

Storage area for association use

Solution

Needs assessment to identify the multiple needs of associations and school district

Designs should maximize space while utilizing cost effective solutions

Review current locations that are multi-purpose facilities in the area

Review options for materials used for construction

Approve design and secure funding

A potential financing plan could include the school district and TWP sharing the cost of the facility

The school utilizes the facility during school hours/the TWP uses and staffs the facility during evening hours

Value to District

Upgrading PTMS would give athletic and extracurricular activities flexibility in scheduling.

Having a facility with a synthetic surface would allow for use by PTMS football, softball and track,

as well as TWP association softball, baseball and basketball.

With the 2 original gyms plus the upgrade at McMurray and PTMS, the playing field is somewhat level for the current demand.

Long Range

A Area of Improvement

Land for a High School campus

Additional Ideas

A Area of Improvement

There is a growing need for additional classroom space

Solution

Consider flexible space usage within classrooms.

Consider space constraints when adding additional technology equipment to be used and stored in classrooms

Value to District

Fosters 21st century skills and creativity

B Area of Improvement

Large assembly areas in buildings

Solution

Increase High School stage and auditorium space, including fly space for scenery and updated lighting and sound

New sound system and acoustic conditioning in multipurpose room for the 3 Elementary schools

Value to District

Improvements to large assembly space gives more access to school functions and outside activities

C Area of Improvement

Improved acoustic conditioning

Value to District

Decreasing decibel levels in the classroom will increase student's listening abilities

Increased comprehension

D Area of Improvement

Added Space for high school art classes is needed to accommodate an increase in enrollment

This includes, art, music and media departments

Proper storage of instruments and uniforms

Music Lab

Solution

Two music rooms that connect

Better control of temperature and humidity to slow disintegration of instruments and equipment

New synthesizers, recording and play back equipment

Value to District

With larger spaces, more students will have access to equipment essential to these courses.

Connecting rooms could allow for department collaboration and sharing of resources

Increase life of instruments and equipment

Creativity focus in curriculum would be enhanced by updated equipment