

2015 Community Task Force

Athletics Committee

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The purpose of this task force is to develop and design a comprehensive plan to meet the unique needs of our fast growing district. The Melissa High School athletic program is considered a top priority. Students that attend the Melissa Middle School, Melissa Ridge Intermediate School, Harry McKillop Elementary School, and those students that participate in the Melissa Youth athletic programs can also be affected in a positive manner by the recommendations presented for consideration. While preparing this report, the thought "Team Melissa- One Cardinal" constantly reminded us that we are "One" as a community and our new high school should be the cornerstone of our city. It's imperative that our school district display an exceptional environment for our current students as well as future students because of the economic development that is underway in close proximity of Melissa. For a city to provide a good quality of life, an exemplary rated school district is an important factor.

The Athletic Group attempted to stay in line with the purpose of the task force by providing feedback from students, teachers and citizens of the Community to create a first class Athletic Complex that would not only accommodate our students, but also attract new students. Members of this committee conducted research to get an idea of what we thought would be the model high school with great athletic programs and an exceptional Athletic Complex for years to come.

Several interviews were conducted by committee members that involved City of Melissa Citizens to include past and present students. Members visited other school districts and toured their athletic facilities to make recommendations for Melissa's future athletic programs/facilities. Members also spoke with other district staff members to learn what worked well for their students. It was decided amongst the Athletics Committee members that the design of Melissa's athletic complex should be an indoor/outdoor facility with multifunctional usage for future programs to include a natatorium, bowling lanes, golf bays, etc. * The Athletics Committee proposes a follow-up meeting with an architect to assist in designing a facility that will accommodate all athletic programs.

Results of research by the Athletics Committee revealed a strong desire within the community to expand our future athletic programs to compete with neighboring school districts as well as offer programs unique to Melissa. Some of the programs requested by the community may have to be privatized or club sponsored. Having a facility that is available for use by these groups could create revenue to help maintain the facility and equipment. Concerns we need to address while constructing the Athletic Complex are efficient lockers and ventilation, meeting rooms and classroom space for the proposed Athletic Training program.

The vision of the Athletics Committee is to have the ability to host events such as indoor/outdoor sport tournaments, swim/track/cross country meets, band competitions, sport clinics/training and cheer camps, etc. In addition to the athletic programs we currently offer at the Melissa High School level, the following programs were noted as a WISH LIST FROM CITIZENS:

- ❖ Athletic Training program
- ❖ Competitive Cheer Squad
- ❖ Swimming / Diving
- ❖ Archery, Fishing
- ❖ Gymnastics
- ❖ Martial Arts
- ❖ Bowling
- ❖ Lacrosse
- ❖ Rodeo
- ❖ Hockey
- ❖ Equestrian
- ❖ Competitive Shooting
(Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays)
- ❖ Fencing
- ❖ Table Tennis (Ping Pong)
- ❖ Water Polo
- ❖ Ultimate Frisbee
- ❖ Rowing
- ❖ Badminton

2015 Athletics Committee prioritized recommendations are as follows:

1. Football
2. Volleyball
3. Basketball
4. Baseball
5. Softball
6. Cross Country
7. Track/Field
8. Soccer
9. Tennis
10. Golf
11. Powerlifting
12. Wrestling
13. Swimming / Diving
14. Competitive Cheer
15. Gymnastics
16. Athletic Training Program
17. Bowling
18. Hockey
19. Lacrosse
20. Archery / Fishing
21. Martial Arts
22. Competitive Shooting
(Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays)
23. Table Tennis (Ping Pong)
24. Rodeo
25. Ultimate Frisbee
26. Fencing
27. Water Polo
28. Badminton