

Finance, Facilities, and Operations

Goal #7: Complete ancillary work associated with the building project including indoor/outdoor athletic facilities and the auditorium, *Success and Connection* pictures District-Wide, and landscaping and signage work at the Secondary Complex.

What Went Well

Author Napoleon Hill is famous for saying, *whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve*. For us, the purpose of this goal was to provide our students and our community with a vision of what *Success and Connection*, what *Opportunity and Access* and what *Generational Change* looks like. Our work between now and the next board meeting will be to develop a visual presentation, as the aesthetics of our schools are so much more than mere lists on a page, but tell a story of a different vision. A vision beyond perky peach walls and patchy grass. A vision that accentuates the student experience, in our halls, on our playgrounds, and on our athletics fields.

- With our expanded walls of distinction, celebrating our graduates of distinction, athletics, merit scholars and artists, to our senior district-wide field day (and now senior portrait pictures) our goal was to capture if but a fraction of the Dead Poets Society Care Diem scene. Our hope is that not only do our kids feel both *successful and connected*, but they see themselves in the pictures of our distinguished alumni.
- The Panther Den, the ELC Foyer, the auditorium entrances, and our enhanced playgrounds at each elementary are intended to create a sense of welcome mixed with just enough branding to enhance school and community pride. The new scoreboard reflects and introduction to our ability to partner with community organizations and sponsors.
- The closed-circuit television connection within the Panther Den to the auditorium, the NFHS broadcast of events in both our stadium and Middle School gym create multiple viewing options for families. The LED sign donated by the class of 1964, the field naming wind screens, and new flagpole create the framework for continued and future connection with our community.

Limitations

Success and Connection Pictures: The cancellation of our last two district-wide field days have left us without the requisite pictures to complete the success and connection pictures in all of our buildings. We do have the frames for when we are able to collect more pictures.

Stadium Branding and finish work: The windscreens for the back fences on both sides of the new home bleachers and the long jump pit cover have been shipped and are on route. The team building signage is on site- installation has been delayed. The permanent floodlight for the new flagpole has been delayed.

Moving Forward

By the close of the calendar year, our multi-year capital projects should be beyond substantially complete and we should be in the phase of making tweaks and adjustments to the systems, structures and frameworks in place.

I am most optimistic about the opportunity for our building administrators, faculty and staff to take the metaphorical baton and continue and expand on the work our capital project set in motion. Returning to Napoleon Hill, our potential as an organization, as a school community, and as individual is limited only by our ability to dream.

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