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November 30, 2021

Madison Advisory Board

VIA EMAIL

Re: McDaniel/Madison High School Fieldhouse Project

Dear Advisory Board:

We want to update you on the Raise the Roof Fieldhouse efforts, anticipated budget changes and where we are with our fundraising efforts. As you may recall, when this endeavor first rolled out, the board received an initial bid of \$118,000 for a pole barn from a company that built the Clackamas High barn as well as other high school barns in Oregon. It turned out that Portland Public Schools and the City did not want a pole barn; instead, requiring traditional construction to permit the project. Accordingly, we secured Walsh Construction for the build-out and Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc. (HHPR) for the design of the fieldhouse.

By this time, COVID-19 had hit our world, impacting costs and estimates. Also, we did not receive input or help from the school district in our early planning meetings with the construction team. We received initial estimates from Matt Leeding at Construction Walsh. We learned the permit process is involved and expensive – not something we foresaw when our initial budget target was based on a simple pole barn. Further, when the new high school project was planned/started, our barn structure was included in the school's Master Plan for its rebuild, although the school was not contributing towards our project. Despite being a part of the Master Plan, we learned just this year that the school's contractor put a drain field right in the middle of where our fieldhouse foundation is to be built – so another delay in our effort to finalize the budget and mitigate associated expenses.

Our hope is by the time we break ground to build the barn, costs will have come down. Worst case scenario, Matt projects a budget as high as \$400,000. We do not think it will be that high, but we are still awaiting a final budget. Also, the school district has promised to provide funding – the frustration has been pinning down what that amount

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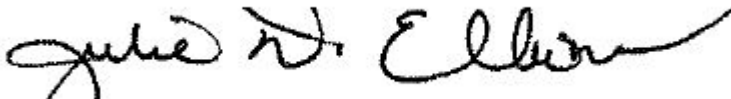
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might be. Presently, we have \$154,000 in the coffers. We are currently working on a targeted amount to raise at the auction – likely \$100,000. We plan on another year-end email fundraising campaign that we found to be successful last year. We expect our global fundraising efforts to bring in an estimated total of \$275,000 - \$300,000. We will also learn what the district will contribute. If Matt's projection proves to be true, we believe we will get there – a strong sense that if we are close but short of budget, the district will make up the difference in not wanting to lose such a valuable asset for which we have worked so hard to plan and build.

Admittedly, the naming of the barn has stalled things a bit. We are anxious for it to be named after Coach Wiitala and expect that to happen. Adam Skyles, the Madison/McDaniel Principal, has been a big proponent of this and has done yeoman's work in garnering support, including obtaining support from Leodis McDaniel and his family. It seems it will happen – just a question of when, but it has not been a priority for the school district's board despite our nudging. We hoped to have the naming issue resolved as of Oct. Other pressing school issues in the face of COVID understandably took precedence. We are continuously in touch with the Principal Skyles about this. The plan is as soon as it's a go, we make the announcement, have a ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the barn with Coach Wiitala present and finalize the budget.

Stay tuned.....

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie D. Elkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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