

Palmyra Area Education Foundation (PAEF)



Cougar Committee

The Palmyra Area Education Foundation (PAEF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was formed in 1991 to provide a margin of excellence in support of educational needs of students by raising and disbursing funds to enhance and support educational opportunities within the Palmyra Area School District. In that time, PAEF has graciously supported tens of thousands of dollars in teacher grants that have brought technology into classrooms, activities and events that have enhanced educational programming, as well as supporting field trips for our students. Through fundraising efforts these teacher grants have become a reality.

During the 2015-2016 school year the Palmyra Area Education Foundation was approached with a proposal to amend their by-laws to allow a sub-committee to form within their organization. In the Fall of 2016, the “Cougar Committee” was originated through a vote by the PAEF membership and has a distinct advantage of operating within the framework of the PAEF and their 501(c)(3) status. The “Cougar Committee” originated under the premise of enhancing athletic facilities for our Palmyra Cougar student-athletes.

Since its inception in October of 2016, the Cougar Committee or representatives have conducted the following activities:

- October 6, 2016: Staffing & Administration Committee meeting - Board of School Director Update
- February 2, 2017: Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting – “Cougar Committee” presentation to the Board of School Directors
- March 2, 2017: Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting – Proposal under the Capital Project/Summer Maintenance Requests for \$25,000 of capital campaign start-up funds
- March 9, 2017: School Board meeting – Board of School Directors unanimously approved \$25,000 start-up funding
- March 14, 2017: Engaged ELA Sport: Athletic Facilities Design & Consulting to perform schematic design of the proposed project, establish potential cost estimates and create graphics for marketing purposes. Work also included an in-depth investigation of current Palmyra Borough Zoning, Subdivision/Land Development and Storm Water Ordinances.
- March 21, 2017: “Cougar Committee” presentation to Booster Club leadership and athletic head coaches

March 29, 2017: “Cougar Committee” Community Forum held to share the project proposal

March 30, 2017: Staffing & Administration Committee meeting – Board of School Director Update

The Cougar Committee intends to provide the Board of School Directors with continued updates on the schematic design, cost estimates and begin to develop marketing materials in order to seek various sponsorships and fundraising.

If you wish to get involved with the Cougar Committee’s project or wish to discuss being a potential donor, please email either Lisa Brown, Superintendent (lisa_brown@pasd.us) or Bernie Kepler, Assistant Superintendent (bernie_kepler@pasd.us). The Cougar Committee will also be maintaining an email group that will provide project updates. Email the above contacts if you wish to be on this email group.

Please see the attachments/links to the district website for continued updates on the progress of the PAEF “Cougar Committee” Turf Fields Project proposal.