

Our vision for a new community field

Presented by Smith River School
Student Government

Gophers have chewed up our field making it unlevel and unsafe.



Toby

Unleveled Ground equals Uneven Lines



In several spaces, the ground drops a hazardous 3-4 inches.



Toby

As students, we want to renovate the field.



We have some solutions.

Toby

Step 1: Our first step was to hold meetings.

Dylan

October and November 2023	December, 2023	January, 2024	February, 2024
Met with True North and Promise Neighborhood Grants about our idea.	Met with Joshua McCubbin, Director of Maintenance and Operations	Met with Michael Greer one of the board members	Met with True North, various community members, Mr. Harris, and Dr. Kissinger

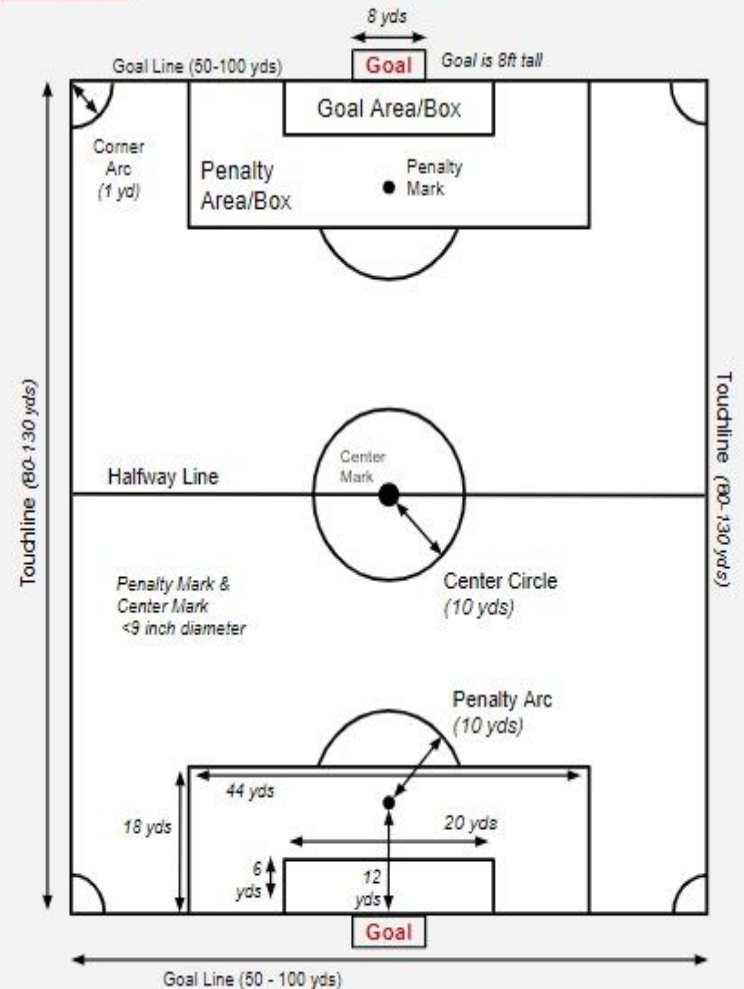
Tonight, we are speaking with you.

Step 2: Identify Supply Costs.

Almost 50,000 square feet.

**Estimated
Supply Costs
\$106,000**

Here are four major expenses





**Double Galvanized
20 Gauge Steel
Gopher Wire
100 Rolls**

**\$24,000
(Home Depot)**



Clean Topsoil

700 cubic yards

**\$20,000
(Hemmingsen)**



Bluegrass Sod

**\$60,000
(Home Depot)**



**Well Water Electricity
Six Weeks Irrigation**

\$2,000

Crockett Lily, Dahlstrom and Watt, and Palmer Westbrook will use their equipment to help us. In return, we will pay for the electricity to pipe well water to irrigate the sod.

Step 3. Organize the volunteer work.

Irrigate Sod with Temp Piping
from Community Partners

Lay Down New Sod

Cover with 3 inches topsoil

Lay Down Gopher Wire

Community Volunteers Rototill / Level Field



Gus

All under the supervision of maintenance and operations...

Why Gopher Wire?

- **Gopher wire can last up to ten years.**
- **Our Student Advisor verified this by calling several Parks and Recreation Offices that successfully used this strategy.**
- **It costs \$24,000 for double galvanized steel gopher wire.**
- **Without gopher wire, the gophers will quickly return.**



Step 4: Move forward.



- *Our goal was to inspire others to help our cause and bring our community together.
- *Our collective fundraising goal was \$1,500. We've raised \$2,000 through snack bars and dances.
- *We created a fundraising letter approved by Mr. Harris on February 5.
- *True North has promised us support, but we want extra support and community participation.
- *Tonight, we ask your permission to move forward. We also ask for your help on the project.

Serenity

Step 5: Tonight is the first step in the timeline.

March 14, 2024	April 19, 2024	June 17, 2024	June 24, 2024	July 8, 2024	July 8, 2024 - August 16, 2024	August 30, 2024
We want your permission to move forward on this project	Ground Breaking Ceremony at Smith River School	Monday after Graduation. Tear out soil. Compact soil. Level.	Lay gopher wire. Lay topsoil. Relevel.	Lay new sod.	Water sod daily to establish it.	Dedication Celebration! First Friday of School Year 2024-2025

We are here.

In Conclusion, here are potential benefits of this project

1. Positive News in the Community.
2. Reduced liability - Reduced injuries.
3. Finally, with gopher wire, we are thinking long term. With that vision, we could eventually host soccer tournaments that would boost community businesses.



Dylan

~~INJURIES~~

[It's Almost Jaycees Time Again. Wild Rivers Outpost](#)

Thank you for your time!
We hope we can get your
approval to proceed.

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