

Public Notice

Turlock High School Varsity Baseball Re-Naming Committee

5:30 P.M., May 19, 2022

The District is taking all necessary steps to prevent and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. In the interest of public health, and in compliance with California Governor Gavin Newsom's and County Public Health's Emergency Executive Orders, the Turlock Unified School District will conduct the Turlock High School Varsity Baseball Re-Naming Committee via Zoom.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting by connecting through a link found on the Turlock Unified School District website located here: <https://www.turlock.k12.ca.us/Page/2678>

To enhance public participation, members of the public may also provide comments to the Staff via email (jtallman@turlock.k12.ca.us).

Electronic Submission of Public Comments for an agenda item may be emailed to jtallman@turlock.k12.ca.us. Any relevant written comment submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Thursday Meeting will be read on the record during this meeting.

1. Greetings and Call to Order
 - a. Interim Chairman Barney Gordon will call the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Agenda for the meeting of May 19, 2022
4. Period For Public Comment
 - a. If you wish to address the Staff about an item that is on the agenda, please do so when that agenda item is called -- comments emailed to Julie Tallman will be read at this time. Members of the public will be given approximately 3 minutes to address the committee.
5. Information Item: Brown Act
 - a. Barney Gordon will provide a brief update/training on requirements of the Brown Act.
6. Information Item: Board Policy 7310
 - a. Barney Gordon will provide a brief update and training on Board Policy 7310 and the process/expectations of the committee.
7. Selection of a Chairperson
 - a. In Accordance with BP 7310, the committee shall select a Chairperson.
8. Presentation of community request
 - a. Mr. Ed Felt, Lance Cornell, and Rob Mendonca will present to the Committee their request for consideration.
9. Discussion and Next Steps
 - a. The committee will discuss the process to evaluate the request for consideration and provide directions to staff for actions to take prior to the next meeting to ensure the committee has the appropriate information available to make a decision and recommendation to the Board.
10. Schedule next meeting
11. Adjournment

October 12, 2019

Dear Ms. Salles-Trevethan;

On behalf of a committee comprised of Turlock Unified School District staff and Turlock area community members, please accept this letter proposing that the Turlock Unified School District and its Board of Trustees recognize and honor Mr. Mark de la Motte for his outstanding service, success, contributions, accomplishments and leadership provided during a period of five decades for the Turlock High School baseball program and baseball across the greater Turlock area by dedicating and permanently identifying the Turlock High School varsity baseball field in his name.

Mark began his exemplary 38 year teaching career at Turlock High School in the fall of 1975 as a member of the Social Studies department and as an assistant coach in a variety of inter scholastic sports. Mark's love of history and teaching history, including the history of THS baseball, matched his passion for coaching baseball. Following the tragic passing of Turlock High's varsity baseball coach, Atch Pedretti in 1982, Mark was promoted from his assistant varsity baseball coaching position to lead this program for the 1983 season. Mark became the chief fundraiser, lead groundsman, ambassador of baseball for the area's youth programs, role model for many of his players and coaches, and supportive colleague of his fellow coaches all while building the THS baseball program into one of the most successful and respected programs in Northern California. He led the program until 1990 when he joined the CSUS baseball staff as an assistant to his former college coach, Jim Bowen. Mike Vincent served as head coach of the Bulldogs in 1991. After one season at CSUS, Mark returned to again lead the Bulldogs for the 1992-1997 seasons until he was appointed to succeed Coach Bowen as the head coach of the Warriors from 1997 to 2002. Mike Trainor(1997-2000) and then Rob Mendonca (2001-2007) continued the respected winning traditions with great success as the head coaches for eleven seasons. In 2003, Mark returned to the THS program and served as an assistant under Rob. In 2008, Mark resumed his tenure as the head coach of the Bulldogs and he is currently leading the 2018 program, his 26th year as the head varsity coach. He recently announced his plans of retiring from his head coaching position after 42 years of coaching baseball in Turlock.

Achievements and Accomplishments During Mark's 26 Years As Head THS Coach;

- The Bulldogs have won over 500 games.
- The Bulldogs won Central California Conference championships in 1986,1987,1990, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017
- The Bulldogs advanced to the Sac Joaquin Section Championship games in 1987 and 1997.
- Well over one hundred Bulldogs have graduated from Mark's program to play at the collegiate level of baseball. Fifteen former Bulldogs are currently playing college baseball.
- Dozens of former Bulldogs have played professional baseball following their college careers. Six former Bulldogs are currently playing in a professional organization.

Two Bulldogs, Dan Reichert and Steve Soderstrom were the first round Major League Baseball Draft selections of the Kansas City Royals and San Francisco Giants. Both pitched in the major leagues for these clubs.

- Many of Mark's former Bulldogs and CSUS Warriors have followed his footsteps into teaching and coaching careers.

- Mark has led annual and daily baseball facility improvement projects along with TUSD Maintenance and Operations staff, his baseball staff and players, boosters and community volunteers to continue to provide the best facilities and playing conditions for his Bulldogs' high school playing experiences. His title could have easily been "Head Coach/ Lead Groundsman" during his 26 years leading the Bulldogs.

- Mark has been a leader and a contributor for the youth baseball programs in the greater Turlock area. He has spent much of his "off season" time assisting these programs which have promoted Turlock's reputation as a very strong "baseball town".

- Mark and his wife Laura, herself an exemplary educator who also taught for her entire career at Turlock HS, researched and constructed the "The History of Baseball Teams at Turlock High School: 1907-2007". This document can be found on the Turlock High School website.

If you visit "THS Baseball" on the Turlock High School website, you will discover a document titled "THS Baseball Program Goals" which states, "The purpose and goal of the Varsity team is to reach our utmost potential as a team and as individuals. We make no apologies for pursuing success on the field and preparing our players for higher levels of competition whether it be in baseball or in society". The committee members feel very strongly that Mark has successfully lived and coached by these standards over his 42 years of coaching baseball. In recognition and respect of his achievements, we propose the Turlock Unified School District permanently name the Turlock High School varsity baseball facility the "Mark de la Motte Field".

Thank you very much.

Committee Members:

Ed Felt (retired educator)	Rob Mendonca(THS teacher/coach)
Mike Trainor(TUSD teacher/coach)	Lance Cornell (THS teacher/coach)
Mary Krupka(THS teacher/coach)	Mike Brown(THS teacher/athletic director)
Doug Cornfoot(THS teacher/coach)	Dave Walls(PHS teacher/athletic director)
John Acha(PHS Asst Principal)	Mick Tate(retired PHS educator/coach)
Bob Stammerjohan(retired educator)	Frank Cusenza (retired educator)
Craig Cumberland(Denair HS teacher)	Jack Mayer (retired educator)
Jim Davis(Gregori HS AD/baseball coach)	Ernie Peters(THS booster/alumni)
Kevin Mayer(Roosevelt Jr HS Asst Principal)	
Dave Cheney(retired THS teacher/coach)	