

To: Mayor and Council

From: Mark Viani, SDSS hockey coach

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Hello,

I am a teacher at SDSS that coaches the school hockey team. Mark Hackett gave me these emails to inquire about some rules/regulations for our school hockey game on Dec. 20th.

Last year, we had the whole school (about 900 students) come to the rotary complex and spectate a school hockey game (SDSS vs. St.Mikes). We had a national anthem and land acknowledgement done, and Mayor Ritsma did a ceremonial puck drop before the game. The concession stand was ecstatic about the money they made, and the facilities were happy with the condition the rink was left in.

With that said, I was hoping to ask about some noise makers for the game. I understand that the rink rules do not allow for noise makers, but I was hoping that there could potentially be an exception made. We have a spirit committee that would love to bring some simple noise makers (cowbell, rice in a 2L pop bottle) to cheer on the team. This could be a very controlled section with a limit of 15 or something if necessary. There is loud music that plays between the plays, and the crowd itself is fairly loud, so I am hoping that this won't be too much of an inconvenience.

If you think that this could be possible, we would greatly appreciate it. We are hoping to make the game an amazing atmosphere.

Thank-you for your time and help,

Mark Viani