

District 621 Outdoor Facilities Task Force
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2008

Mounds View High School
8:00 a.m.

Present: Bob Madison, Jim Galvin, Jan Swanson, Sharon Swallen, Mark Downey, Ross Fleming, Scott Ylkanen, Chris Paquette, John Ward

Absent: Rick Berqual,

Discussed the charge of the committee and what are the expected outcomes.

A summary sheet was discussed that lists each outdoor activity, the head coach, the facilities used, the levels of play, maintenance issues which are known, party responsible for maintenance, and timelines for deferred maintenance on facilities. That sheet will be finalized and distributed to all the coaches to check for accuracy.

Timeline for turf replacement was discussed. The time for replacement is estimated between 10 to 15 years depending on wear.

Track – The field areas for track were of great concern. A cost estimate to make repairs to that area will be undertaken. Also, surface of track and new technologies were raised. Perhaps we could use new surface in limited way in areas of need as a trial. This would allow better decisions to be made when resurfacing becomes an issue.

Tennis – Briefly mention that courts were resurfaced in 2007 and are schedule for resurfacing again in 2017.

Softball – Currently needs are being met at the Rice Creek facility.

Soccer – Mentioned the need for a wall to be erected for use as practice.

Baseball – Currently under construction.

Storage at the site for outside co-curricular activities is a major issue. Mixture of maintenance storage with athletic storage does not work well. Options will be explored. Underneath visitor bleachers helps but there is still a need for weatherproof storage at the site.

Some discussion relative to what other districts are doing by erecting domed areas on their campuses. Agreed that a feasibility and cost study should be undertaken. Bob, John, Chris and Rick Berqual will work on this topic further.

Bob will work with coaches and to identify needs and possibilities for future outdoor facilities. Indoor facilities were discussed but they are not part of the charge of this committee. Never the less, Bob will explore comparisons between our facilities and others throughout the metro area and communicate those findings to coaches and central administration for consideration.

Cleaning of turf surface and associated health risks were discussed. The district will work with the school nurses on talking points for concerned parents or athletes.

Open call was made for two coaches to join the larger task force. Interested individuals will contact Bob Madison or John Ward.