

District 621 Outdoor Facilities Task Force
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2008

Irondale High School
9:00 a.m.

Present: Doug Austin, Melinda Johnson, Bill Mauricio, Tom Franta, Tom Rodefelf, Ben Geisler, Rick Berqual, Chris Paquette, Bill Sucha, John Ward

Absent: Chris Torvi, Scott Krohn, Mike Walseth, Jim Olsen, Ron Olson, Jesse Abing, Chris Fink, Jonathan Grandell, Steven Propp and Jana Ford.

John Ward walked through the timeline, process and outcomes for the task force.

A summary sheet was handed out which listed 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. Issues for clarification or addition to the summary sheet were discussed yielding the following concerns:

Track – Doug Austin, Tom Rodefelf and Tom Franta discussed timelines for replacement of track, premature cracking of surface and unevenness of surface. Rick Berqual will gather cost implications of providing a new surface and perhaps moving up the timeline for application of a latex binder to the surface which was scheduled for 2012 to perhaps 2010.

Tennis – Doug mentioned the need to have additional courts as the conference, due to travel expenses, is scheduling varsity and jv matches at the same site. John will check with Community Education about securing the Edgewood courts for Irondale tennis.

Softball – need to enhance backstop on jv field and remove the one sitting near the batting cages. Check with PE regarding their use of that backstop.

Soccer – need for quality fields at Edgewood and possibly Highview. Need to have former infield at Edgewood seeded and turned into playable space. Need for improvements in goals and storage.

Storage at the site for outside co-curricular activities is a major issue. Currently the band is seeking enclosed space, perhaps under the visitor bleachers. Track is facing a similar issue but may be able to access space under the home bleachers at the stadium.

Doug will work with coaches and John to identify what items at outdoor facilities have been financed by the district and which have been fundraised for. Example is the visitor bleachers at the stadium which were entirely paid for by non district dollars.

Ben Geisler mentioned need for cleanliness and safety on turf. Rick Berqual responded with district cleaning procedures. Talking points will be developed with the help of Nancy Haugen and the MN Dept. of Public Safety.

Scott Krohn and Bill Sucha will continue with the larger task force at additional meetings this summer.