

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Athletic Field Use Ad Hoc Committee, held at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room, Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Starting at 5:15 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Morris Haukereid, Sharon Henes, Susan Manning, Pat Mackesey, Pat Marsh, Rich Plier, Tory Pomeroy, Carl Pulvermacher, Jim Smecko, Mike Stassi, Jeff Thompson, Jacob Tissue, Jeff Vitense, John Weinberger

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Benitez, Derrick Daggett, Dennis Davidson, Dan Zweifel

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mary Ellen Van Valin, Mark Scullion, Jeff Schreiner, Gary Schumacher

- I. Opening of Meeting – Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services
- II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged
- III. Review of the Purpose of the Committee Establishment

Mary Ellen Van Valin began the meeting by stating her role is to facilitate meetings of the Athletic Field Ad Hoc Committee. The Board of Education has charged the Committee to review short and long term athletic field facility needs of the school district.

Dr. Schumacher gave an overview of how the committee structure was determined and the charge given to the Committee.

The following Committee members introduced themselves and stated their involvement with the School District and why they would be beneficial to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee:

- John Weinberger, Monona Grove School Board member, Business Services Committee Chair
- Jacob Tissue, Cottage Grove Recreation & Parks Department
- Jim Smecko, Varsity Softball Coach
- Maury Haukereid, Pee Wee Football
- Pat Mackesey, Youth Football
- Mike Stassi, Monona Grove High School Football Coach
- Jeff Thompson, Monona Grove High School Football Coach
- Pat Marsh, City of Monona Administrator
- Mark Scullion, Director of Facilities & Safety
- Tory Pomeroy, Madison Area Youth Soccer Association
- Carl Pulvermacher, CG Soccer Club and GOALS Committee
- Jeff Vitense, Monona Grove High School Girls Soccer Coach
- Susan Manning, Board of Education member
- Sharon Henes, Booster Club Task Force Member
- Rick Plier, Monona Grove High School Boys Varsity Soccer Coach
- Derek Daggett, Monona Grove High School Baseball Coach (absent)
- Dan Zweifel, Winnequah Middle School Athletic Director & Monona Grove High School Boys Basketball Coach (absent)
- Dennis Davidson, Youth Football (absent)
- Bob Benitez (absent)

IV. Discussion of Current Field Use and Issues Needing to be addressed

Jeff Schreiner shared with the Committee his summary of the Fall, Winter and Spring, 2007, Monona Grove High School Sports Facility Summary for 2007. The report also included game and practice facilities for sports for 2007-2008 and a diagram of the Monona Grove High School Stadium Athletic Fields, which shows who plays/practices on each field.

Dr. Schumacher stated one of the big issues presently facing the Committee is where the soccer teams will be located for both practice and play.

Mark Scullion stated the use of the football field is one of the major factors that prompted this study. The football field needs to have less playing time. Presently 98 games are scheduled and to maintain the field a maximum of 40 games would be ideal.

Discussion was held regarding the district's capital projects budget and what would be earmarked for re-crowning the stadium football field. Mark Scullion stated to have the field completely renovated it would cost approximately \$130,000 which includes re-crowning. Mark stated that he has budgeted \$20,000 yearly in his capital project budget for re-crowning and this budget item typically gets eliminated as the District has more pressing capital outlay needs. Mark stated that his capital projects budget is \$237,000 annually but he is required to pay for projects such as the renovation of Coldspring Avenue that was not planned in advance. Mary Ellen Van Valin stated that in light of our declining student enrollment, there most likely will be budget reductions necessary this coming year and Mark's capital projects budget may be reduced, along with other budgets.

Susan Manning asked that a summary report be done showing exactly what sport teams presently plays/practices on what fields at each location and the time period they are using the fields.

At Ms. Van Valin's request each sport reviewed what their team needs for play and practice fields.

V. Review of Committee Members and Structure

Ms. Van Valin will be asking the two track coaches at the high school, Angie Fassl and Brian Storms, to join the Committee.

VI. Discussion of Goals and Tasks

Discussion was held as to whether smaller groups should branch out from the Committee to review their area of interest and then report back to the full Committee.

The Committee agreed they need to look at the facilities we have, how we are using them, and how they can be developed to best serve the school district needs?

Discussion was held on possible grant monies available and community and business donations. These topics will be discussed at a later committee meeting.

Information requested for next meeting:

- Would a soccer facility best serve the District?
- How will Ahuska Park enter into this study. Is it desirable for any of the sports. Should the district continue to explore use of Ahuska Park.
- Community support is needed – how to best utilize the community facilities.
- Is a referendum the only direction to go? Costs involved. Timeline.
- Turf and grass quote – which would that be the best way to go?
- Should Booster clubs be involved at this point, or later.
- WIAA contact – can soccer use high school as home field.

All committee members were asked to bring to the next meeting information regarding what it is that they will need for their team for play and practice fields.

VII. Establishment of Tentative Timeline to Report Back to the Board of Education

A suggested timeline would be to have a progress report done by the Committee in March with a final report to the Board of Education at their June meeting.

VIII. Establish Next Meeting Date

Mary Ellen Van Valin suggested the Committee meet again on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

IX. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

