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TO: Haysville Board of Education
 FR: Dr. Clint Schutte, Assistant Superintendent of Business/Finance
 DA: October 19, 2015
 RE: Field Usage

History / Relevance: Historically Haysville West Middle School football and soccer teams have practiced on the old football and soccer fields to the south of Haysville West Middle School. Starting in the spring of 2016, those fields will no longer be available to those teams due to the construction of the new HHS/Tri-City School.

What: We are asking for approval to seek bids for 2 athletic practice fields/playgrounds between Prairie Elementary and HWMS tennis courts. (see aerial picture for location)

Why: We are needing additional fields for soccer and football to practice on next year.

Field Usage Data

HWMS Practice Field Usage:

Group	Time	Frequency	Duration	Total Hours	Number of Kids
HWMS 7 th Football	3:30-5:30	Mon-Fri	9 weeks	90	35
HWMS 8 th Football	3:30-5:30	Mon-Fri	9 weeks	90	35
HWMS Soccer	3:30-5:30	Mon-Fri	8 weeks	80	20
HWMS Cross Country	3:30-5:00	Mon-Fri	9 weeks	67.5	50
HWMS Phys Ed	48 mins.	2-3 days/week	Aug-Oct/Mar-May	48	All Students
HWMS 'Go Do It!'	43 mins.	Fridays	6 days	4.3	150-200
Jr Gorillas Football	6:00-8:00	2-3 days/week	Aug-Mid (14wks)	Nov 56-84	40
				<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL KIDS</u>
				379.8	800-900

This will be open for recess for the students at Prairie elementary. This has been part of Prairie's Capital Outlay request.

Where: The grass field areas to the West of Prairie Elementary and to the East of the tennis courts at HWMS. (see aerial picture for location)

When: Bids will be brought back to the November BOE meeting for consideration.

How: The Executive Director of Operations will develop the bid specs and conduct the bid process for this project.

Who: The development of this project included the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, Executive Director of Operations, Facilities Director as well as the Head grounds keeper.

How Much: The cost for seeking bids is zero dollars. We anticipate the cost of the project to be around \$450,000.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

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attachments



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Dr. Schutte

We have discussed the need for a recreational field at Prairie for several years. Our students and staff do not have access to a field with adequate turf for athletic and/or recreational use on the Prairie campus. We have a very attractive entrance and drive with irrigated lawns but these areas cannot, and were never intended to, be utilized for anything other than beautification purposes. We very much appreciate having well-kept lawns but need additional turf areas for student and staff usage.

The grassy areas that are maintained on the west side of the school are used during recess and occasionally by students participating in our after school program. The heaviest usage comes once a year during our "Field Day" activities. Unfortunately, due to the very close proximity of the grass to classroom windows we are unable to allow activities involving balls. For many of our students this can be very disappointing. We have also struggled with the noise level outside on the grassy areas affecting the classroom environment indoors.

Our PE teacher does use the asphalt areas of the playground occasionally, but not on a regular basis. For the most part, our PE classes are held indoors throughout the school year. With an area that is cleared and turfed, we would be providing our students an opportunity to learn and engage in some sports that we simply cannot offer in our gym. Providing PE instruction on the rough prairie we currently have simply is not feasible. I think most of us would agree that allowing our kids another opportunity to get outside on most days is mutually beneficial.

There is a small area approximately 60x100 sq/ft that our students do use for playing soccer and football during recess. The area is simply worn down prairie grass that we ask maintenance to keep cut short. The surface quickly turns into a dirt surface once students are on it regularly. Obviously, it turns into a muddy mess very quickly when moisture arrives. We are then off of it for several days.

I have considered using capital funds to help create and maintain an adequate outdoor play area. We have held off due to the potential for new construction on some of our grounds. Our kids need an area that is safe and beneficial to them. I am happy to assist in any way to make this project a reality for our school.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

David Engelking



