



Community Spaces

Notes from 11/7 Open Space Activity

TOPIC: INDOOR FACILITIES

Indoor Facilities – Post-it Notes:

- Field House / Sports Complex
- Additional gym space
- Air conditioned facilities
- There is no suitable or up to date space to have concessions at North High School
- Improved fitness space (weight room, cardio space, yoga studio, multi-purpose gyms)
- Training Facility (i.e. weight room)
- Sport facilities (gyms, fields, locker rooms, weight rooms) to make scheduling our programs less competitive.
- Athletic facilities and classrooms are the same (gymnastics gyms is PE yoga studio)
- Flexible meeting space for coaches/advisers and student groups.
- More physical opportunism for students during the day is not an option
- Increase PE opportunities for students
- Wrestling room
- There is not enough space for each teacher. Ex (3) teachers on at the same time and only (1) gym.
- Storage
- Limited space/opportunities for youth/after school programs
- Lack of gym space at a single location to hosting a section event.
- Locker rooms
- Community Gym & Track

Indoor Facilities Summary:

- Indoor facilities is the biggest need for activity spaces. Outdoor facilities have expanded, are they usable for indoor sports?
- Baseball: no tournament facility
- Basketball: no tournament facility. There is no place to hold everyone, limiting potential revenue opportunities.
- Indoor sports need additional indoor places to practice due to Minnesota weather.
- Indoor facilities would increase physical education opportunities for all students.
- What do we need to do in order to have the spaces we need vs. want? Does it start at the PE level or does it start with our athletic programs?
- We know what we lack, but need to focus on what we can do.
- Weight room for all sports
- Storage needed for events and tournaments.
- Shared gym/cafeteria in elementary
- Baskets that can be adjusted for youth programs
- Air conditioned facilities



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TOPIC: COMMUNITY

Community Post-it Notes:

- Spaces/facilities that are shared with community
- After school time (flex, extended day, ECFE)
- Utilizing partnerships
- Rec programs & community services programs
- Balanced needs between school and community
- Growing cultural diversity with new sports and club needs
- Adult (ELL) basic education spaces
- Intergeneration community center
- Lack of community center
- Community meeting spaces
- Senior center

Community Summary:

- City relies on the Schools to run the Rec programming.
- Can the City and the School find ways to partner and not leave spaces under used?
- Maximize community partnerships
- There are before and after School programs in non-school spaces.
- Community Center with gyms, running track, pool, classrooms, intergenerational field house mentality. Co-habitat with community space.
- A place for community resources to support community partnerships (i.e. Student Union).
- Community/Event Space with a kitchen
- Partnership with local businesses?
- Room for clubs and after school activities need to be a priority.
- How do we partner with other cities to utilize unused space?
- Transportation from facility to facility is a huge issue.

TOPIC: ADAPTIVE / DIVERSITY

Adaptive / Diversity Post-it Notes:

- Lack of adaptive sports space
- SPED – DAPE spaces
- Adaptive (ADA) spaces; indoor and outdoor. Sports, enrichment, community.
- Lack of adaptive physical education space.

Adaptive / Diversity Summary:

- There is no true adapted space dedicated to adapted sports or DAPE
- Dedicated room for teacher to hold a class for special need students
- Storage for specialist equipment for the adapted sports we offer and DAPE equipment storage.
- Dedicated locker room. These individuals have specific needs as to restrooms and facilities.
- Adaptive sports are unable to host events and leagues (Miracle Fields)



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TOPIC: OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Outdoor Facilities Post-it Notes:

- Natural spaces (parks, green space)
- Track space is deficient at all levels, especially at the Middle School
- All weather tracks at the middle school
- More artificial turf additions
- Lack of area for hitting area for golf
- Space utilization on weekends
- Outdoor sports complex. What we have is outdated.

Outdoor Facilities Summary:

- There is a need for addition Soccer/Lacrosse/Football practice fields and it is ideal to practice on the same field type that teams compete on (turf).
- Two all-weather tracks at either middle schools or North.
- Field House for spring sports which is turfed, has a track, and has a weight room.
- Increase tournament quality
- Fields for all outdoor sports
- Is there a need for an Archery range?
- Concession at outdoor facilities
- Facilities with bathrooms – multiuse facilities
- Creating the most usable field spaces.

TOPIC: FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Post-it Notes:

- Appropriate theater support spaces (i.e. green room, set construction, storage, music)
- Lack of Fine Art space in the Middle Schools
- Large creative spaces for community and school use (outdoor and indoor).
- Arts / Performance space
- Theater
- Performance storage spaces

Fine Arts Summary:

- More space is needed.
- Orchestra space is needed.
- There are many limitations with the spaces the District has today.
- All space is being used
- Plan for storage
- Students are limited in choice because space does not allow them to experience.
- How do we let more students experience?
- Partnerships with other community groups that need performing space.
- Children's Theater
- White Bear dance needs space to practice & perform.



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TOPIC: SPECIALIZED SPORTS

Specialized Sports Post-it Notes:

- Lacking in specialized sports facilities (i.e. pools, gymnastics, dance, etc)
- Indoor ice rink
- Not enough space for outdoor education units (archery, rock climbing, high ropes)
- There is no golf training facility

Specialized Sports" Summary:

- Hockey / Rinks – Hockey, curling, figure skating, partnership with figure skating.
- Pools – PE classics, swimming teams, synchronized swimming
- Outdoor Education – Archery, rock climbing, ropes course
- Cheer and dance line should have space
- Archery needs space for shooting that is safe for team and school.
- Potential for partnerships with gymnastics and dance clubs/studios/
- Golf hitting area. Indoor and outdoor facilities. Graduated training. Hole with a green and a bunker.
- Field house would be useful for tennis. There should be a walking/running track.

RELATED TOPICS

Related Topics Post-it Notes:

- Middle School sports
- One High School
- Busing / Transportation
- Location. North / South or Central
- New land purchase
- Safety and security of spaces
- Undeveloped areas in the District could be tapped
- Limited facilities North of White Bear Lake