

Bellingham School District Facilities Planning Task Force

Athletic Fields

(The 80,000 foot perspective)



I. Realities and Challenges:

Demand for, and usage volume on, high school fields has increased steadily over the last decade. Both school district and outside groups are having a greater impact on the natural grass surfaces at all three high schools (the impact is also felt at the elementary and middle school levels as well.) Example: Before the start of 2011 Spring season Squalicum High School was forced to shut down the soccer practice field due to over-use. Squalicum soccer practices were re-located to Whatcom Community College.

Among the 13 schools of **Northwest Conference**, there are no synthetic fields located on campus. By comparison, five of the 8 **Cascade Conference** schools have at least one synthetic field on their campus. Cedarcrest High School has multiple synthetic fields located on campus.

II. Interlocal Cooperation

Whatcom Sports Commission
Bellingham Parks and Rec.
Bellingham School District

III. Usage and Demand Inventory

In-district and Out-of-district

Sehome

Practices Girls Soccer practices (34 students), Baseball (40), fastpitch (25), football (90), marching band (55), PE classes (1100), Youth/select soccer (multiple groups that never check in), youth football practice (between 2 and 4 groups that never check in), semi-organized community soccer that happens every Sunday afternoon, adult/legion baseball; fall high school baseball from September - October

Bellingham

Practices Girls Soccer practices (42 students), Baseball (40), fastpitch (25), football (70), marching band (30), PE classes (1100), Youth/select soccer (4-5 groups), youth football practice (2 groups), Boys/Girls club football (5 weekends in fall –all day), adult/legion baseball (3).

Squalicum

Practices for Girls Soccer (38 students), Boys Soccer (42) Baseball (40), fastpitch (24), football (111), Track (90), marching band (65), PE class (1300), Youth/select soccer (3 Groups), youth football practice (4 groups), adult/legion baseball (3) fall high school baseball from September - October, semi-organized community soccer that happens every Sunday afternoon, I have also received requests from ultimate Frisbee groups, rugby and lacrosse. WWU club baseball team has used our baseball field to practice. Northern Heights, which is across the street from SqHS, hosts several team practices that fill all of their open field spaces. Squalicum is also seeing an increase in private training coaches using our track and fields.

IV. Affiliated Costs 2011-12

Bellingham Parks and Recreation

| | Squalicum | | Sehome | | Bellingham |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Interlocal Agreement | \$ 8,022.50 | | \$ 7,172.50 | | \$ 9,782.50 |
| Field Rentals | \$ 1,500.00 | | \$ 1,550.00 | | \$ 700.00 |
| Misc. Billings to | \$ 300.00 | FB lines paint | \$ 300.00 | Solberg | |
| 28 account or | \$ 280.00 | Field prep | \$ 100.00 | Baseball/line paint | |
| ASB account | \$ 475.00 | Field prep | \$ 250.00 | XC Invite | |
| | \$ 300.00 | Field prep | \$ 1,100.00 | Girls Soccer Playoffs | |
| | \$ 75.00 | FB Scrimmage | \$ 550.00 | Girls Soccer Playoffs | |
| Total | \$ 10,952.50 | | \$ 11,022.50 | | \$ 10,482.50 |

We received \$15,263.00 from Parks and Rec. from the Interlocal Agreement. The net: BSD owed P&R \$9,714.50

Whatcom Community College

| | Squalicum | | Sehome | | Bellingham |
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| Field Rentals | \$ 125.00 | | \$ 650.00 | | \$ 255.00 |
| | \$ 1,265.00 | | \$ 225.00 | | \$ 525.00 |
| | \$ 287.50 | | | | |
| Total | \$ 1,677.50 | | \$ 875.00 | | \$ 780.00 |

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| | Squalicum | | Sehome | | Bellingham |
| Field Rentals | \$ 163.20 | | \$ 979.20 | | \$ 326.40 |
| | \$ 486.00 | | \$ 567.00 | | \$ 648.00 |
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| Total | \$ 649.20 | | \$ 1,546.20 | | \$ 974.40 |

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| Total Expense | \$ 13,279.20 | | \$ 13,443.70 | | \$ 12,236.90 |
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V. The Future-Population Growth in Bellingham and Increased Demand

2008 National Geographic-50 Best Places to Live!

11. Bellingham, Washington

