The mission of the Iowa City Community School District is to ensure all students will become responsible, independent learners capable of making informed decisions in a democratic society as well as in the dynamic global community; this is accomplished by challenging each student with a rigorous and creative curriculum taught by a diverse, professional, caring staff and enriched through the resources and the efforts of families and the entire community.

iccSD IPM Task Force
Exterior Work-group – Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2016
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Educational Services Center, 1725 N. Dodge St., Iowa City, IA
Professional Development Center, Room A

Meeting Facilitator: Cliff Ehlinger, Geoff Lauer
Consultants: Kamyar Enshayan, Mark Shour

Present: Ben Grimm, Phil Hemmingway, Michelle Kenyon, Scott Kibby, Liz Maas, Jennifer Mettemeyer

Absent: Lore Baur

IPM Task Force Members Present: Jeff Barnes, Caroline Dieterle, Craig Hansel, Dave McKenzie, Joyce Miller, Mike O’Leary

Call to order 4:00pm

1. **IPM TF Structure Update**  
   Cliff Ehlinger / Geoffrey Lauer
   - Announcement that Dave McKenzie is the district IPM Coordinator

2. **IPM TF Process Update**  
   Lauer / Ehlinger
   - Everything that the subcommittee discovers through the educational process and creates will be presented to the task force for their review and processing.

3. **Touchstone Values**  
   Lauer / Ehlinger
   - Student/Staff Safety—immediate and long term health
   - Budget awareness
   - Environmental Stewardship—how this will impact generations in the future, good role model for others to be responsible with our grounds, protect biodiversity
   - Aesthetics
• Athletics—playability so that the competition part of this is not affected by the grounds. i.e. The ball doesn’t keep taking bad bounces because of the fields, sure footing.

• Regulatory System that we comply with the Johnson County Public Health guidelines

• Educational Focus

• Least toxic response possible (to humans, environment, pests)

4. **Review of Exterior Components**

   All

   • Athletic fields (Competition and Practice)
   • Playgrounds
   • General Grounds (Building Perimeters, Fence line, Herbaceous Ornamental Plants, Woody Shrubs and trees and general turf grass areas)
   • Hard Surfaces – General Grounds (Parking lots and Sidewalks)
   • School gardens-prairie and savannas areas

5. **Nominal Group Ranking of Exterior areas for priority**

   All

   Green score represents subcommittee members, blue score represent other IPM Task Force members in attendance

   • 1\textsuperscript{st} General Grounds (Building Perimeters, Fence line, Herbaceous Ornamental Plants, Woody Shrubs and trees and general turf grass areas) 12 green 9 blue
   • 2\textsuperscript{nd} Playgrounds 10 green, 13 blue
   • 3\textsuperscript{rd} School gardens-prairie and savannas areas 10 green, 5 blue
   • 4\textsuperscript{th} Athletic fields (Competition and Practice) 9 green 3 blue
   • 5\textsuperscript{th} Hard Surfaces – General Grounds (Parking lots and Sidewalks) 1 green

6. Review of evidence based or best practices for IPM decisions  Enshayan / Shour

   • Kamyar and Mark will email us “best practices”.

7. Review of areas of IPM decision consensus  Shour

   • Mark can come down for site visits to help us address areas of concern, exterior and interior.

8. Discussion and consensus seeking on key areas  All
• The final decision will go to the school board. The full task force will come to consensus with the IPM program. We need 100% agreement to equal a consensus. Items that the task force does not reach a consensus on will be brought to the board.

**Exterior Areas related to School Districts**
1. Athletic fields (Competition and Practice)
2. Playgrounds
3. General Grounds (Building Perimeters, Fence line, Herbaceous Ornamental Plants, Woody Shrubs and trees and general turf grass areas)
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**General Comments:**

• Would like more info on districts that don’t spray outdoors. City High plays at Mercer that doesn’t get sprayed by herbicides. The City of Iowa City does not spray any hard surfaces, like what Quality Care did in the past for ICCSD.

• Question asking Kamyar and Mark if there are schools that have gone 100% pesticide free in Iowa? No, not that they are aware of, but some school districts don’t use that much. In the state of NY they don’t use any. According to Mark our ICCSD is one of the best in the state with our IPM program.

• We should all begin this process with the assumption that everyone on the Grounds crew is trying to do their best, the chemicals that are on the grounds are least toxic.

• This group could determine exceptional uses for these pesticides and move the process forward.

• There are many different types of grounds that are being addressed throughout the district. We should categorize the areas across the district and start scaling back in each category for herbicide use.

• The Definition of IPM does not mean no pesticides ever used. Try other means first but if needed then use less toxic pesticide to solve the issue.

• There is a system that has the hierarchy of different toxic chemicals—color coded. Good system and easy to teach.

• General turf and playgrounds seem to have the most concern within this task force. Athletic fields are the toughest and require the most management. Easier to work through the guidelines for the general turf areas.
V. Adjourn 5:30pm
Next meeting: February 22, 2016

Agenda Items for the next meeting:
- Presentation by Ben Grimm on current general grounds practices.
  - Size of grounds maintained across district.
  - Budget for those areas.
  - Chemical used and schedule.
  - Estimate total gallons of herbicides used last year throughout the whole district.
  - Current action thresholds of herbicides used on grounds.
  - Playgrounds presentation as well. Carbon footprint, of what happens when they mow the grass. X number hours of mowing. Number of gas of gallons used to mow the grounds.
- Present exterior regulatory parameters of Johnson County Public Health. Guidelines for sport turf industry, sure footing. Also, spraying at a certain time before playing baseball etc. Compaction rating for sports fields.
- Review Interim IPM program