**ICCSD IPM Task Force Meeting Minutes**
Monday, May 16, 2016
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Central
ESC Room PDC-A & B

Meeting Facilitator: Geoff Lauer

Present: Jeff Barnes, Alison Demory, Caroline Dieterle, Ben Grimm, Lisa Hall, Phil Hemmingsway, Dr. Brandi Janssen, Jennifer Kardos, Michelle Kenyon, Scott Kibby, Brian Kirschling, Ann Langenfeld, Geoff Lauer, Liz Maas, Dave McKenzie, Jennifer Mêttemeyer, Joyce Miller, Joel Randall, Mike O’Leary, Chris Pisarik, Susie Poulton, Dr. Mary Skopec, Duane Ván Hemert

Absent: Ryan Adams, John Bacon, Lore Baur, Terry Coleman, Matt Degner, Carol DeProsse, Dr. Cliff Ehlinger, Chris Henze, Mark McBurney, Troy McQuillen, Charlie Stumpf, Dr. Fred Whitford, Geoff Wilming

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
   Geoff Lauer
   - The IPM policy this task force created has been approved by the ICCSD school board.
   - It was decided to not approve the April 18th minutes but rather wait until next meeting to approve, February 15th Interior, February 22nd Exterior, March 7th IPM Task Force and April 18th IPM Task Force minutes.

2. **Presentation by Kamyar Enshayan**
   Kamyar Enshayan
   Exterior grounds, see the attached PPT
   Comments after the presentation:
   - Plant diversity is good for the environment
   - Does everyone think that harm to children with pesticides stops with the athletic fields? It is something that has to be dealt with at some point. We live in an affluent society that wants athletic fields that need to be maintained by pesticides.
   - Kamyar have you worked with others that have managed fence lines, how many times should we weed the fence lines? I don’t know. It is a cultural expectation at some locations.
   - There are pest situations that can happen if the grass gets too high with rodents by the fence lines.
   - We should consider setting the thresholds of the pests by the fence lines, raising the fence lines.
   - Our state ground water issues shows we shouldn’t have pesticides on the grounds.
   - Kamyar how long are the pesticides on the grounds? I don’t know. It is complicated of how much residue is left on the grounds, whether it has rained yet or not etc.
   - Concerns with the chemical runoff which can be up to 30 days.
   - A big cause of run off is overlapping it on the concrete instead of on the grounds. We shouldn’t generalize the category of pesticides and how it is applied.
   - Jennifer Kardos will send a report to the task force about pesticides issues in Iowa.
Our resources (staff) is an issue, with each school that is built what is the allocation for grounds crew for each school?

How do we compare to other schools in the area with grounds crew? We have different funds that can but used for different areas, PPEL is equipment funds, materials is general fund, employees is in the general funds.

We do add custodian staff per new school but we haven’t added grounds crew staff.

Kamyar do you know of examples of other cities that has a booster club for grounds? I don’t know. But there are master gardens and maybe some of those could adopt areas. Maybe school foundation could help fund grounds.

Why wasn’t Borlaug’s areas looking good for the rain gardens? The grounds crew is filling in those areas now. Borlaug was an exception, we have a different operation and personnel with our new construction.

We could utilize volunteers more than we have for our grounds.

Sustainability and design with new construction projects.

3. Discussion of Draft Policy

- Chemical Ban information provided by Phil Hemmingway, attached. Phil Hemmingway would like a Synthetic Chemical Ban on our ICCSD exterior grounds.
- Comments were made that the board passed the IPM policy that does allow chemical use, and the board did not charge this task with having this committee come to an end of a chemical ban.
- Hemmingway will continue to push the passage of a chemical ban.
- Brian Kirschling stated that Mark Shour has continued to state that banning chemical use is not IPM. This task force has spent 6 months trying to come to some consensus and to now to come with this amendment of a chemical ban coming at the 11th hour is frustrating. The board as a collective makes the decision, not individuals. Policy and Engagement Committee will look at this chemical ban amendment after the IPM task force reviews this.
- Caroline Dieterle motioned to vote to add the proposed chemical ban to the IPM policy, Hemmingway seconded. After discussion Jen Kardos motioned to table the motion to vote on adding the chemical ban to the IPM Policy Hemmingway seconded, motion carried. It was decided the task force will vote on this chemical ban amendment at the June 20th meeting.

4. IPM Coordinator Update

- Mark Shour will be here the first week of June with his team for inspections of Kirkwood, NW, West and ESC. Mostly internal but some outside areas as well.

Comments:
- Do you do all of the mechanical items that Mark Shour has listed before spraying pesticides? We are doing many of the things listed but we can’t do all of them until after school is out. We can make some of the changes that are suggested now. This is a transition period and we have threshold for health reasons. This isn’t going to happen overnight.
- Alison Demory—Johnson County Health Dept is telling us one roach is too many. We have to ensure the safety of the students that we serve. Any food establishment sprays to eliminate pests. We have done lots of things to help lessen the pests.

5. Public Comment

No public comment
6. **Adjournment and next meeting**

   Lauer

   Adjourned 5:40pm, next meeting June 20, 2016

   **Requested agenda items June 20th.**
   
   - Requested an update on the IPM process after the policy was passed.
   - The invoices from D and R Pest Control reporting is now different, they used to list what they did but now it doesn’t. Why is that?