

Superintendent's Report

September 25th, 2015

BOARD UPDATE

Start of School – We have had a terrific start to the school year. Our students and parents have seemed to settle into a very good routine across the district. Considering that we have taken over the helm of the special education program this year, I have been very pleased at how all classrooms appear to be doing very well. We are also starting a new extended learning transportation program that will allow students to have transportation home an hour after our current after school transportation leaves. Our hope is that this additional support will provide even more opportunities for students to get the extra time and assistance they need to excel. Kudos to Lauri Landerholm for working with KWRL to get this new service off the ground this school year.



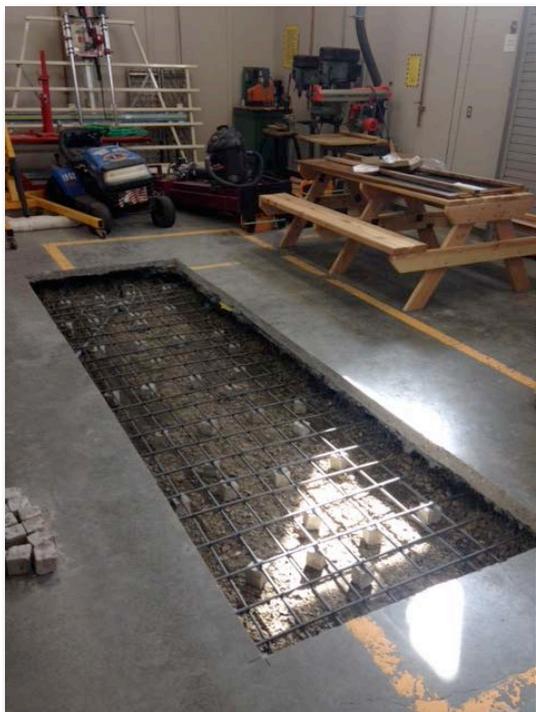
High School Athletic Field Work Continues Forward – Work crews have begun to do the prep work to complete the track paving. This includes modifying the curb on the east end to change the track from a 440 yard to a 400 meter facility. Additionally, crews have worked to add a second long-jump pit and the steeplechase pit in the east D-zone. For those who don't know what a steeplechase pit is it's



a box (about 24" deep) that is filled with water during an event where athletes have, I mean "get" to jump over a hurdle and land in the pit as they run a special course around the track. The farther they jump, the less wet they will get because the box tapers from 24 inches deep up to being flush with the track surface. According to Mr. Holmes (the one who thought this would be a fun addition to



our track facility several years ago), this is a very rare feature and one that will draw lots of attention from other schools (see photo below that I found on the internet). In short, La Center will be the talk of the track world! As you can tell, I am not so sure, but it's built now so I guess if the track crowd doesn't like the event we can always turn it into a Koi pond☺



High School Shop Class Adding an Automotive Lift – Work has begun to add an automotive lift to Mr. Neiman's auto tech class. The students have been working on this project and have begun by cutting open the concrete floor and removing about twelve inches of material to prepare for the foundation of the lift. Then they added rebar and did prep work to ready for the electricians to extend power to operate the lift. It is a great facility improvement project and I applaud Mr. Neiman for helping his students gain real world experiences such as this project.

Projects On the K-8 Campus – As part of the state grant, LCEF has begun work to sort through various options for trail enhancement through the city. This includes a potential new trail from the lower entrance on the K-8 at 4th street and will run alongside of Breeze Creek connecting to the current trail that runs alongside our elementary track from the round building down to the bottoms. As a result of LCEF's research work, they found a huge hole in the ground in the bank behind our K-8 cafeteria that has apparently developed over the course of many years. It was not seen from above, but is a



direct result of a broken drain pipe that carried water runoff from the parking lot down to the creek. It is hard to see in the photo, but the hole was roughly 15 feet deep, 20 feet wide and about 35 feet long. We asked Colf Construction to come in and repair the damage, which they did and it is now back in good condition. I am just glad that no one fell into the hole as it was significant. FYI.

I think that is all for now. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Talk with you later.

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