



Information and Action Item - Scottish Soccer Licensing Agreement

To: School Board

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Background

The Scottish Soccer Academy has leased the field between The Skokie School and Carleton Washburne School since 2013. The Academy uses the field for both the Spring and Fall soccer seasons.

The District was approached at the end of last year by Randy Abrahams and Simon Ward of the Scottish Soccer Academy regarding the possibility of a five-year lease. The School Board's Facility Subcommittee met in July to draft a process for allowing community use of field space. This work resulted in the adoption of [Policy 8:21](#) on November 18, 2014 (attached).

The long-term agreement is allowed under Policy if the School Board recognizes the Academy as an affiliate.

Recently, a lacrosse team has approached the District about renting field space. Given the possible extension of the lease to the soccer organization, the field at Crow Island School has been offered as a possible alternative.

Overview

The Scottish Soccer Academy has done an excellent job of improving the turf quality of the field. This effort will be continued and expanded upon under terms of the five-year agreement.

Highlights of the proposed licensing agreement are as follows:

- Priority use for the field will remain with District 36 uses and activities.
- The Academy has pledged \$50,000 to help underwrite the cost of a running track on the property should the District wish to pursue this endeavor. This will

need to be explored further with the Kinetic Wellness teachers as part of a long-term plan for the space.

- In addition to regular maintenance, the Academy has agreed to sod one large field area, which area shall be ready for use by the beginning of the Fall 2015 season.
- The license fees have increased from \$50 per hour to \$15,000 for each season for a total of \$30,000 a year. In the 2013-2014 school year (both the Fall and Spring seasons) the Academy paid \$14,025.
- The Academy will clear its Memorial Day weekend schedule to permit the Kenilworth-Winnetka Baseball Association (KWBA) to use the baseball diamond for tournament play.

Next Steps

The School Board is being asked to approve the [license agreement](#) as presented.