Educational Suitability Summary Report

Delco Activity Center

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Delco Activity Center is a districtwide arena and serves area schools for various school events including basketball, volleyball, wrestling and graduation ceremonies. The facility originally constructed in 2002 is located in Northeast Austin and in addition to sporting events for the district it is used by multiple entities.

Survey Overview

The survey results from teachers and administrators were not completed. The educational suitability for most major spaces, including library, gym, classrooms, common spaces, administrative offices, and outdoor spaces was determined by an interview with David Seaborn with AISD athletics and field assessment.

Interview and Assessment Overview

The complex, as a whole, has adequate support spaces and functions very well. In addition to holding sporting events this facility has been used by various groups including City of Austin, City of Austin Police dog training, Travis County early voting, Travis County rodeo, state robotics, Lego tournament, El Mundo community outreach, and naturalization ceremonies to name a few. This field maintenance requires the storage of large equipment here, and has need for additional storage. Offices for current staff are adequate, as well as staff support spaces.

The facility has a capacity of 5,520. The infrastructure and number of parking spaces are adequate for this facility. The main storage space is a hub for some of the north area high schools to receive equipment. This is done to be a convenience and efficient for the number of North schools to pick up their shipments of equipment, otherwise having to pick up in a south facility location. This takes up some of the storage space and the portable basketball goals are moved to the stairway foyers. The issues at the facility involve having older technology in the conference room with large television monitors with VCRs. The equipment used to move the bleachers is heavy to move and the bleachers have a tendency to trap food and creates a pest issues with flies.

Some of the safety concerns of the facility is the number of exterior doors and ensuring they are all locked. Also, internal cameras in the storage area are desired to monitor equipment being delivered for multiple high schools. There are rodent issues with mice and the current bleachers trap food and create pest issues with flies. On occasion, other pest issues have been with fire ants and wasps.

The facility is in very good condition and serves the district as well as many other groups well. If any renovations or changes occur, steps should be taken to preserve the exterior graphics. The name of the facility is significant because it is named after Wilhelmina Delco, the first African American elected to
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the school board for Travis County.

The desire is to have automatic bleachers for the lower sections and eliminate having heavy machinery to expand the bleachers and ceiling mounted basketball goals to relieve storage space. A thought to improve the facility would be to add conference rooms and have the ability to rent out as a means of added revenue to the school district. With the amount of different organizations that utilize the facility outside the district, and the relatively inexpensive rental cost, this is something that should be considered.
Photo 2. Basketball Goal Storage
Photo 5. Exterior
Photo 6. Lower Bleachers
Photo 8. School Storage Area