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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Second Reading of Policy GKD (LOCAL) – Community Relations – Non School Use of School Facilities

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria Rendon **OF:** Asst. to the Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 22, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve Second Reading of Policy GKD (LOCAL) – Community Relations – Non School Use of School Facilities

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

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| SCOPE OF USE | <p>The District shall permit nonschool use of designated District facilities for educational, recreational, civic, or social activities when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.</p> <p>Approval shall not be granted for any purpose that would damage school property or to any group that has damaged District property.</p> <p>Note: See the following policies for other information regarding facilities use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use by employee professional organizations: DGA• Use of facilities for school-sponsored and school-related activities: FM• Use by noncurriculum-related student groups: FNAB• Use by District-affiliated school-support organizations: GE |
| NONPROFIT FUND-RAISING | <p>The District shall permit nonprofit organizations to conduct fund-raising events on District property when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.</p> |
| FOR-PROFIT USE | <p>The District shall permit individuals and for-profit organizations to use its facilities for financial gain when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy</p> |
| SCHEDULING | <p>Requests for nonschool use of District facilities shall be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Academic and extracurricular activities sponsored by the District shall always have priority when any use is scheduled. [See FM] The deputy superintendent of business and financial services shall have authority to cancel a scheduled nonschool use if an unexpected conflict arises with a District activity.</p> |
| APPROVAL OF USE | <p>The superintendent or designee is authorized to approve use of any District facility.</p> |
| EXCEPTION | <p>No approval shall be required for non-school-related recreational use of the District's unlocked, outdoor recreational facilities, such as the track, playgrounds, tennis courts and the like, when the facilities are not in use by the District or for a scheduled nonschool purpose.</p> |
| EMERGENCY USE | <p>In case of emergencies or disasters, the Superintendent or designee may authorize the use of school facilities by civil defense, health, or emergency service authorities.</p> |

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- USE AGREEMENT Any organization or individual approved for a nonschool use of District facilities shall be required to complete a written agreement indicating receipt and understanding of this policy and any applicable administrative regulations, and acknowledging that the District is not liable for any personal injury or damages to personal property related to the nonschool use.
- FEES FOR USE Nonschool users shall be charged a fee for the use of designated facilities.
- The Superintendent or designee shall establish and publish a schedule of fees based on the cost of the physical operation of the facilities, as well as any applicable personnel costs for supervision, custodial services, food services, security, and technology services.
- EXCEPTIONS Fees shall not be charged when school buildings are used for public meetings sponsored by state or local governmental agencies.
- Except for additional costs incurred by the District in permitting use of the facilities**, fees shall not be charged for use by District employee professional organizations. [See DGA]
- REQUIRED CONDUCT Persons or groups using school facilities shall:
1. Conduct business in an orderly manner.
 2. Abide by all laws and policies, including but not limited to those prohibiting the use, sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and firearms, and the use of tobacco products on school property. [See GKA]
 3. Make no alteration, temporary or permanent, to school property without prior written consent from the Superintendent.
- All groups using school facilities shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damages incurred during use and shall be required to indemnify the District for the cost of any such repairs.