



Safari Island Partnership

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Agenda

- Examine day-to-day realities
- Improve security
- Align scheduling
- Establish clear fiscal governance
- Improve community stakeholder experience



Building Access & Shared Spaces

Contractual Daytime Access: The existing agreement grants Safari Island members access to gym spaces for 1 hour per day during high school contact hours.

Overlapping Traffic: Public member usage during the school day creates constant traffic and boundary challenges adjacent to instructional corridors.

Perimeter & Separation Challenges: Interior doors separating public recreation facilities from high school learning spaces are difficult to monitor and restrict access.

Managing HS PE Courses: Need to adjust PE schedules every trimester to accommodate the 1HR of Safari Island contract time each day.





	Middle School	Exclusive to District*
	Community Center	Exclusive to City**
	Shared Space	Exclusivity/Priority defined by seasonal schedule

*City has license to use:

Complex Seasonal Schedules

Multi-Tiered Calendar Structure

- Facility use relies on 3 distinct seasonal schedules: Fall (Aug–Oct), Winter (Nov–Mar), and Spring (Apr–May).
- Within each season, variations exist between M/W/F, T/TH, and weekend schedules, making tracking extremely difficult for staff, coaches, and the public.
- The School District needs to rent space from Safari, if space is needed outside of the scheduled time.

PEAK
OFF-PEAK
SUMMER

Division of

PEAK
OFF-PEAK
SUMMER

Division of

M-W-F

	Gym 1	Gym 2	Gym 3	Gym 3	Lane Pool
6-7 AM					
7-8 AM					
8-9 AM					C*
9-10 AM					
10-11 AM					
11-12 PM	C				
12-1 PM	C				C*
1-2 PM					
2-3 PM					S
3-4 PM					S
4-5 PM					S
5-6 PM					
6-7 PM					
7-8 PM					
8-9 PM					
9-10 PM					

T-TH

	Gym 1	Gym 2	Gym 3	Gym 3	Lane Pool
6-7 AM					
7-8 AM					
8-9 AM					C*
9-10 AM					
10-11 AM					
11-12 PM	C				
12-1 PM	C				C*
1-2 PM					
2-3 PM					
3-4 PM					S
4-5 PM					S
5-6 PM					S
6-7 PM					
7-8 PM					
8-9 PM					
9-10 PM					

Sat

	Gym 1	Gym 2	Gym 3	Gym 3	Lane Pool
6-7 AM					
7-8 AM					
8-9 AM	S	S	C	C	C
9-10 AM	S	S	C	C	C
10-11 AM	S	S	C	C	C
11-12 PM	S	S	C	C	C
12-1 PM	S	S	C	C	C
1-2 PM	S	S	C	C	C
2-3 PM	S	S	C	C	C
3-4 PM	S	S	C	C	C
4-5 PM					
5-6 PM					
6-7 PM					
7-8 PM					
8-9 PM					
9-10 PM					

Sun

	Gym 1	Gym 2	Gym 3	Gym 3	Lane Pool
6-7 AM					
7-8 AM					
8-9 AM					
9-10 AM					
10-11 AM					
11-12 PM					
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	School (S)
	City (C)
C	City Priority
S	School Priority



Scheduling & System Conflicts

- Safari Island and ISD 110 utilize different scheduling platforms.
- The lack of automated integration forces manual cross-referencing, resulting in scheduling conflicts, double bookings, and communication bottlenecks between administrative teams.
- Schedule changes for activities due to conflicts, officials, etc.



Facility Rentals & Disparities

Impact on Local Sports Associations

Current rental structures drive local organizations out of local community spaces.

Complex Split Rentals: Hosting a single tournament often requires renting 2 courts from ISD 110 and 2 courts from the City under different rates and rules.

Community Flight: Orgs like the Waconia Basketball Association have sought outside community facilities due to high costs and administrative hurdles.

Rental Price Inconsistencies

Rental fees for weekend and evening activities outside standard contract hours are cost-prohibitive. ISD 110 charges \$20 per court, whereas Safari Island charges \$40 per court.

This inconsistency creates financial hurdles for youth associations and municipal programs operating across both systems.



Shared Spaces & Ownership

Aquatics & Lifeguards

Providing mandatory lifeguard supervision during PE swimming classes requires coordinated staffing and clear legal liability protocols.

Track & Fitness Areas

Walking track, weight room, and court spaces require balanced priority rules between student athlete training and public membership access.

Sauna & Special Assets

Recent sauna installation highlighted ambiguities in contract language regarding rights to modify space and construct new amenities



Storage, Equipment & Maintenance

Custodial & Maintenance Roles

Confusion persists over which entity handles specific maintenance duties. Ambiguities exist around daily cleaning, pool deck upkeep, sauna sanitation, and routine facility repairs, leading to delayed service and accountability gaps.

Storage & Capital Replacement

Storage space allocation is constrained and undefined. Questions remain regarding capital replacement costs for shared equipment such as volleyball nets and basketball hoops when wear and tear occurs across both school and public use.





Questions?