

Central Linn School District
32433 Hwy 228, Halsey, Oregon

District Track Committee
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: DeeDee Thomas, Committee Chair and Bart Rothenberger
Employee Present: Brian Gardner, Superintendent; Susan Beaudin, Recorder
Others: Mark Penrod

Although there was not a quorum of the District Track Committee present to hold a formal meeting, the following discussion took place among those attending.

Mr. Rothenberger reported he had found the drain tile drawings for the track. After the recent snow the track was under water; not draining properly. He discussed briefly the option of a grass track. He explained core tests of the track had been done; shared relocation plans for shot put etc. There was concern expressed for the maintenance of a grass track; drainage and maintenance is key. If Central Linn had a grass track it would be the first in the United States and, it has been said, the University of Oregon would be here quite often to practice. Ms. Thomas stated she had heard from a parent that had done some research on having a grass track and they had found a grass track could lead to stress and injury to runners. A grass track would be more expensive to put in due to costs of dealing with drainage versus a regular track. With a surfaced track we would need to resurface every seven years. The cost estimate to redo our surface track is approximately \$350,000.

The group made a tour of the track where there was mutual agreement that the track needs to be replaced. However, a decision to move forward on the project would have to wait until the future of high school facility had been determined by school board and community. Ms. Thomas will be researching ideas for raising funds to put towards the building of a new track.

Due to the lack of attendance, the next meeting date remained undetermined.



Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary



DeeDee Thomas, Committee Chair



Date Signed