

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2009

I. Attendees (21): Josh Baldner, Jennifer O'Brien, Renae Foxhoven, Christy Earles, Stephanie Swope, Betsy Shehigian, Doug Abernathy with RTA Architects, Steve Schumacher (Project Manager for Mesa Bond Program Renovation/Additions), Diana Fields, Chris Hunt, Gina Kelman, Sarah Heilbronner, Sue Young, Cheryl Jakub, Shawna Boylan, Julie Aderman-Hagerty, Cathy Tallerico.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the Oct.13, 2009 meeting were approved.

III. Update from Josh:

Regarding the DAT meetings, there has been unanimous consensus that first priority are the educational areas. Additional priorities include acoustical improvements in open classrooms, replacement of existing windows, getting rid of shutters, utilizing solar tubes. Although some of the latter are not necessarily in the scope of the bond project, additional savings we make in other areas will be directed toward these project areas.

IV. Bond Program: Selected Scheme: Scheme 3a

- Eight schemes were evaluated and Scheme 3a was chosen; please see attachment.
- Details include: Gym on south side of the building, three new second grade classrooms, playground on the North side and into the Upper Deck area (with the berm as the natural separation between the K/1/2 and 3/4/5 playground), playground improvements, \$130,000 dedicated to irrigation and landscaping and \$70,000 for playground equipment, expansion of the Mesa garden.
- Timeline: Feb/March the design documents will be done, at which point State permits can be acquired, and estimates from the General Contractor can be made.
- Prioritization of additional funds, per Paul with RTA: Highest priority is the acoustic situation in the open classrooms, 2nd and 3rd priority is new and replacement windows, 4th priority is cooling in the stage area. Zero votes were given by the DAT for replacing/repairing the roof, or for parking lot expansion.
- Community groups can partner with us to utilize our gym, with a portion of the fees obtained returning to Mesa. Renae Foxhoven mentioned that certain groups would be willing to help partially fund expansion of the upper deck, such as NOVA, Little League, Lacrosse, Girl's softball.

V. PTO Updates

- a. PEN: Workshops that will be offered include "Internet Savvy" for parents, "Middle School Transitions" talk, among others. Shelley Mahon is working on formulating a PEN team, with resources to become available at the Mesa Morning Table. Mesa has been a district leader, with our PEN goings ons.

- b. SIT (School Improvement Team): Goals: emphasis on Writer's Workshops, boys and creative writing, special needs students, positive climate through behavior support. Gina Kelman and Josh Baldner presented at the District Accountability Committee about SIT.
- c. DPC (District Parent Council): Fundraising ideas extensively discussed at the last meeting. Our Classroom Fees and Direct Donation program are a very focused approach to fundraising compared to many schools in the District.
- d. G2T (Garden to Table): The garden will be staying in its current location. Final plans have yet to be made, depending on the phasing of construction. There will be raised beds in the spring. G2T plans to establish a way of cooking what we grow with students, and have put together a rudimentary cooking cart. They are exploring sustainability and integrating the G2T into the curriculum more fully, with a more specific curriculum. Fundraiser: Dinner at The Black Cat on Dec. 2, 6 pm and 8 pm seating, \$50 per person, 60% will go back to G2T. Second Fundraiser: Candy Making in February at the local culinary school. .
- e. CU Football Game Community Event: raised \$630 for Mesa, with 42 tickets sold. Discussion ensued about Mesa students attending a Fairview High School game (next year) as a Community Event, so students can see where they will be attending high school some day.

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Next Meeting: Dec. 8, 2009: Presentation on BVSD Nutrition Program.

Adjourned.

Submitted by co-secretaries Betsy Shehigian and Stephanie Swope.