

Thomas B. Chinn Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016

Call to Order: The Chinn PTA meeting was called to order by President Emily Bornheimer at 6:30pm

Attendance: 18 people were in attendance

Agenda Item Discussion:

Dr. Cowherd, superintendent, presented Long Term Facilities Plan

<http://tinyurl.com/hsgrowthproposal>

Considerations:

- Infrastructure and integrity of current buildings
- future construction in district commercial and residential properties
- Projection of 13,000 students in the next 5 years
- Budget needs/constraints
- Land opportunities/constraints

2 year planning process for expansion:

- 1 middle school, 2 elementary schools, potential for 1 high school, and building/grounds for Park Hill Facilities Dept.
- Plan had to meet Park Hill School Board Approved criteria: future enrollment, student-teacher ratio, appropriate areas for learning (standard square footage per child), school size, etc.

Dr. Cowherd shared the demographics of our district and the projection of need. She explained the Long Term Facilities Plan and clarified questions/concerns about the 4 phases. Currently the district has already begun Phase 1

Long Term Facilities Plan will include 4 phases:

Phase 1: Mobile Units utilized (portable classrooms) to ease current space constraints

Re-Imagine Media Center Space at the high schools to re-purpose and utilize space more effectively

Identify, lease, and set up instructional space for the Professional Studies + programs

Phase 2: Expand Professional Studies + programs, expand blended course offerings (online classes for high school students)

Occupy space for Professional Studies + program

Plan and design a high school innovation center

Design and build a middle school – converting Plaza back to 6, 7, 8th building so there will be 2 middle schools feeding into each high school

Design, and build an elementary school

(redistricting will need to occur with the possibility of “grandfathering” upper middle and high school students to remain at their original school to finish out their middle school and high school experience)

Remove classes from temporary spaces (portable classrooms, media center)

Phase 3: Complete construction of high school

Complete removal of all portable classrooms

Professional Studies + settled in the High School Innovation Center

Phase 4: Expansion of new High School to meet the needs of Park Hill School District

Other comments Dr. Cowherd shared:

- Park Hill is still looking for land to purchase
- Money used for construction will be utilized from the 2011 Bond, so no increase in taxes
- District has saved almost \$2 million by refinancing bonds
- In April 2017, possible bond consideration on the Ballot for Platte County for a Tax Levy (no increase for tax payers) in order to start construction for new facilities
- Timeline: By 2019, new elementary school and middle school will be built and opened and by 2020, new high school will be built and opened
- Land by Southeast elementary has been purchased but the purpose has not yet been designated
- In order to learn about Park Hill School District’s demographics/profile, visit the district website at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us

Minutes Review: (Sarah Carlgren, Secretary)

Minutes from the September 2016 meeting was presented and approved

Treasurer Report: (Woody Acosta, Treasurer)

No report since Woody was not in attendance

Legislative Report: (Susan Mason, Legislative Representative)

Local:

- School Board Meeting is on October 27th
- Prior to the meeting the School Board will have a work session discussing financing future capital improvements and self-evaluations

State:

- No MO PTA Report at this time, be aware that Missouri has its own State Standards in alignment with Common Core (Missouri has not adopted Common Core)

Federal:

- Register to Vote
- Election is November 8
- Absentee Ballots are available

Membership Report: (Susan Coddington, VP Membership)

No report since Susan was not in attendance

Principal Report: (Lee Heinerikson, Principal)

- Report Cards will be electronic this quarter through Infinite Campus, please see Laura Edwards if you need help getting your account set up
- Cardboard Challenge on Thursday October 13, first student led spirit assembly to start the challenge
- Early Release on Thursday October 13
- Outdoor classroom will be gaining a raised garden thanks to a group of Eagle Boy Scouts
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Morning with Mom a success

Teacher Report: (Staci Leive, Teacher representative)

Looking forward to cardboard challenge, parent volunteers – please bring in “box cutting tools” if you have them to assist students

President Report: (Emily Bornheimer, President)

- Buzz Book is done, can be downloaded from the Panther Pride

Event/Project Reports:

Morning with Mom (Susan Mason, chair): Had a good turnout, will need a new chair next year

Hospitality (Emily Bornheimer, on behalf of Regina Sims):

Bus Driver Appreciation – breakfast and gift will be provided for the drivers

Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner – signup genius will go out soon for donations and food to provide dinner for teachers

RIF (Michele Finney): November 4, volunteers needed to hand out books

Box Tops (Ashley Macken, chair): baggies for collection went home, collection runs through Oct 21

Room Parties (Ashley Macken, chair): Fall Party is October 31, starting with costume parade at 1:50pm, volunteers still needed for kindergarten

