

CP Smith PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 14 5:30p-7:00p

Present: Officers (Beth, Sue, Shy, Michael), Staff (Len Phelan, Kim Brockway, Patty Kissell, Ann McKay), 5 School District reps, Ward 7 Rep Monica Ivancic, and 21 other parents. Total: 35

Handouts: Agenda

5:35pm Meeting convened by Beth

5:36pm Leadership Roles - Beth
President & VP positions for 2018-2019 open
If interested contact Sue (suechayer98@gmail.com) or Beth (vtbethb@gmail.com)

5:37pm Smith Smackeroos
Raised \$7k after payouts
~\$12k currently in account

5:39pm Kindergarten Get Acquainted Day – May 17th
Need coverage 8:30am-11:30am

5:40pm Yearbook - Shy
\$1,977 raised, \$60 more than was spent
In production now, delivery sometime between May 24th – June 8th
Every student getting a yearbook & a pen (donated)
2018-2019 Yearbook contract approval
\$1,920 total cost due September 1st
APPROVED
Next year will need helpers

5:43pm End of Year Events
EOY School Picnic – June 6th 5:30pm-7:00pm
Afterschool providing bounce house/tattoo station
Wild Bill
Oakledge Park Picnic / Field Day – June 7th
Combined into one even
Mtg w/Len & Mrs. Souliere 5/23 to discuss needs
Step Up Day – June 13th 8:15am-9:00am
Farewell Ceremony – June 14th 8:15am
5th grade farewell flower ceremony
Also last day of school, 11:30 dismissal

5:48pm General Discussion
Book Fair – Amy K. will be in charge of, happening in Fall
Calendar Dates for 2018-2019 School Year
-Welcome Back Picnic 9/7 (rain date 9/10)
-Picture Day 9/13 or 9/14

- First PTO Meeting 9/10
- Halloween Dance 10/26
- Pumpkin Raffle 10/22 to 10/26
- Book Fair 11/7 to 11/9

6:00pm Preschool Presentation – Marty Spaulding

Powerpoint covering info available at <http://www.bsdtv.org/district/budget/capital-planning/>

Universal Pre-K law creates need for more pre-k classrooms

ideal ratio is 50/50 IEP/neurotypical

Original proposal was to renovate Ira Allen

Questions

75 students total or 150? probably 75 students total, numbers not set in stone.

What will happen to the playground? It will move behind the building. May be replaced if needed.

Did you consider putting the pre-k off the D wing? That space is where a cafeteria would need to go in case of future additions to the elementary school.

Is the pre-k playground included in the budget for this project? Yes

Are changes to the current parking lot included in the project budget? Yes

Where will pre-k students eat? In their classrooms

Did you look at putting the parking lot on the Gosse Ct. side of the property? Yes. It would increase costs and affect athletic field space.

Has there been a traffic study? Yes, results are on the website.

Will the new driveway function as elementary school dropoff as well? Yes, it could.

What is the cost differential? Ira Allen 4m + 300k-400k/yr.

CP Smith 2.5m. South End 3.5m. Avoids 2m in portable classroom costs

What is the planning progress for increased enrollment? South End made with expansion in mind. CP Smith not designed for expansion.

Is the connecting corridor indoors? Yes.

Have there been changes since the NPA meeting? Yes, location of playground & orchard.

Can HS classrooms serve as pre-k? The HS project is 5 yrs from completion & pre-k need is immediate.

What are district priorities for learning/green space vs. athletic fields? 22 acres on property, trying to balance needs of both.

Did you consider putting the pre-k off the D wing? The preschool needs to be near the front of the building, and near the parking lot for bussing. Access is a big piece, and putting a drive that far would take lots of green space away.

What is the timeline/process? Is this a done deal? The building is not permitted yet.

Many features can be refined. Permitting expected by July, breaking ground in August. The structure should be up before winter so crews can work on the insides during the cold weather.

Will construction impact neighbors? Yes. Will put up a 6' fence to minimize impact on neighbors, as well as plantings. Neighbors will get notices about construction.

What is the best way to provide feedback? Using the form on the website.

How many classrooms are at 150 Colchester? 8

Will the K-2 playground be accessible/usable during the 2018-2019 school year? Yes. It will be moved before construction, or near Thanksgiving.

How many families live in the neighborhood past CP Smith? ~300 homes

How are you approaching safety in general? Looking at flashing lights for drive entrance. Looking at enhanced bike storage.

When will enhancements to the existing lot happen? Next summer, at end of the project.
Why wasn't there more community engagement earlier? Used same process as every year, but had a tight window to work with.
When did the traffic study take place? March and a couple weeks ago.
What is the timetable for an addition to CP Smith? Not part of current plans. Will only happen if enrollment projections exceed capacity, which they don't currently.

7:34pm

Meeting closed by Beth