

PTO Council Meeting - April 11, 2016
SHHS Lower Cafeteria

I. Call to Order - 7:05 PM

II. Approval of Minutes - minutes from PTO Council meeting Feb. 8, 2016 have been posted on-line. Motion to approve minutes, motion seconded, minutes approved.

There was no superintendent report as Dr. Hutchings was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

III. SHTA Report - Matt Zucca, VP of SHTA

- most schools in the district are entering testing cycles at this time
- Teachers gearing up for end of the year activities: Open Houses, 4th grade IB exhibitions, student recognition ceremonies, performances (ie. band, orchestra, plays)
- Thanked PTO Council for all our work this past yr. and welcomed new members of next year's council

IV. President's Report - Missy Sherwin and Candith McMillan

A. Flowers given to all current PTO board members, school board members Annette Sutherland and Jeff Isaacs and to Susan Vodrey for appreciation of their work this past year

B. Calendar Committee Update

- the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 school year calendars are being put together
- committees met to discuss several issues including exploring the HS start time, HS exam timing, and maximizing the # of FULL weeks that students attend school (ie. grouping days off together). There was a lot of back and forth discussion on these issues.
- There will be up to 3 different drafts of the calendar that will be posted on the Shaker website by Friday, 4/15. Parents are encouraged to give feedback on these calendar versions and will have two weeks in which to do so.
- Lisa Vahey, from the calendar committee, attended the tonight's meeting and was able to answer questions

Highlights:

1. There are 185 teacher contract days per school year - this includes teaching days, conference days and professional development days
2. At this time the recommendation seems to be that the HS start time will NOT be moved later
3. 1st semester HS exams will likely remain in mid-January. In order to have changed these exams to December, the 1st day of school in August would have been moved earlier OR conferences/professional development days would need to be moved in order to keep 1st and 2nd semester lengths equal. Feedback showed that starting earlier in August was not popular.
 - some HS classes are only ONE semester classes, so making the first semester shorter would have disproportionately affected those classes
4. Days off will be consistent across the the schools, i.e.. If the HS has a day off, Woodbury, the MS and the elementary schools will also have a day off. Teacher activities on those days off may vary, i.e.. one school may have conferences, while another school has professional development on the same day.
5. There is still discussion about conference times in schools, i.e.. dates, times, locations...
6. Shaker places a lot of value on professional learning days. There is going to be an effort to improve messaging to the community on the value of those days. Ohio has requirements on the # of instructional minutes that students have each school year, requirements are not based on # of teaching days.

C. Facilities Update

- the district has held several open meetings since June of 2015 focusing on the future outlook of our school buildings
- From these meeting two options that have been discussed areOption 1 and Option 2 (attached to end of these minutes)
- Annette Sutherland from the Shaker School Board reviewed the background:
 1. It came to the districts attention that State funds are available to the Shaker School district for facilities updates. The State will match funds up to 24% towards major facilities projects. This program expires in October 2016.
 2. Shaker has a short window of time to decide whether or not to take advantage of these funds. The board plans on submitting a project proposal next month to the Ohio School Facilities Commission.
 3. The project proposal is not set in stone and can be changed over time. There are standards that will be required to be met in order to receive funds.
 4. In the decision process Shaker decided to look ahead not just 1 or 2 years, but where we want to be in the next 50 years.
 5. Any project proposal needs to take into consideration many different factors: enrollment projections (projected to decline over the next 20 yrs.), substantial renovations/new buildings may take more time to fix/build than just over normal school breaks, neighborhood approval of new buildings, soil studies of new building sites, etc...
 6. Extended discussions still to take place before moving forward
 7. The School Board plans on posting a statement on Shaker Schools web site regarding facilities planning. Updates will be posted periodically
 8. Our school buildings need approximately \$170 million (an ESTIMATE) in maintenance and improvements under Ohio School Facilities Commission guidelines. Crude estimates of property tax increase to support such a program, is not felt to be something that Shaker tax payers would approve. Therefore it is necessary to study all our options, taking into consideration tax increases that Shaker would likely support.
 9. Time frame of outline for facilities updates:
 - May 2017 - go to voters for financial support of a facilities master plan
 - Followed by a 3 year period during which we have to issue part of the voter-approved debt and spend part of the Ohio School Facilities Commission-approved budget
 - Then a 5 year period to complete expenditures
 - When these 3 and 5 yr. periods start is not clear at this time, i.e.. from date of voter approval vs. from date of Facilities Commission approval or other? But tax payers will see an increase in taxes in PHASES, not in full immediately

V. Family and Community Engagement Center - Keith Langford (unable to attend)

- No report

VI. Building Reports

A. High School - Susan Vodrey

- Impact Teen Drivers presentation was held in February
- March 7th PTO meeting, invited 8th grade parents and held a "Did You Know" tour of the HS
- April 6 there was a MYP Personal Projects pep rally, intended to generate excitement for the middle years IB "personal projects" that sophomores do
- May 7th Paula Damm and Stacey Stagert will be hosting a district wide gardening event in the HS Learning Garden. Elementary students will be painting potato planters and the

community is invited to plant in them, along with other planned activities (Rain date is May 14th)

- the HS flower sale will be held May 13th and 14th. This is our only fundraiser
- Fri. May 6th there will be a staff appreciation lunch; are asking HS PTO officers and chairpeople to write notes of thanks to teachers and staff that will be attractively displayed at the lunch

B. Middle School - Maria Pelletier

- The Feb. 21st Father/Son Shindig was well attended
- Incoming 7th orientation was held March 15th, this was changed to a parent-only event
- held a soup luncheon for Harvest for Hunger which raised \$322.16, still waiting on food donation total

- the next PTO meeting is Thursday, May 19
- the 3rd principal coffee will be held Friday, April 15

C. Woodbury - Sue Buddenbaum

- Woodbury World Records raised approx. \$11,500; at the closing ceremonies the students had a lot of fun throwing pies at Mr. Young
- Woodbury Creating Change restaurant event is April 28th, tapas plates made by students and the community can be purchased there. Volunteers are still needed for the event.
- Spring Fling is coming up, May 6 (grade 6) and May 13 (grade 5)
- working on a project to display the bell tower in in the front yard of the school
- 6th grade camp meeting is 4/12/16

D. Onaway - Stacy Hren

- Little Theatre was a success, however all the funds for this were used up
- Movie night showing "Bolt" is Friday, April 15th. The students held a caucus to choose the movie
- the last teacher appreciation breakfast was held a few weeks ago
- slate for next year's PTO is set; there is only one co-VP, they are looking for another
- Bottle House fundraiser netted approx. \$3000. Price was \$15/person, was very easy to plan
- May 12th is their end of the year Open House
- May 18th is the last PTO meeting
- May 20th is their Carnival

E. Mercer - Jen Bordeaux

- 17 countries were represented at their International Night; there was food, a concert and other activities
- their Cosmic Science Night was held at the HS last week
- 1st play went well
- PTO slate for next year still has one opening
- holding a Chelton Park family picnic, 12 pm on Sat. May 14th
- Mercer Mini Marathon will be 9:30 AM May 10th

F. Lomond - Katie Lownes

- at their last PTO meeting they had an informative talk on "mindfulness"
- their spring fundraiser "Laps for Lomond" is May 6th, students get sponsors for # of laps they will run/walk
- they will be holding the 2nd round of teacher grants
- school book fair is upcoming
- upcoming movie night showing "Inside Out"
- PTO slate is set for next year, all positions are filled are solo, there are no co's
- end of the year ice cream social is May 26th

G. Fernway - not present at meeting

- their flea market is Saturday, April 23rd

H. Boulevard - Erin Zelin

- held a community building event "Around the World, Sharing Our Cultures", 18 countries were represented and approx.. 300 people attended
- PTO slate is set, only one co-VP, last PTO meeting is May 18th
- April 28th hosting Candace Fleming, author of children's fiction and non-fiction
- upcoming book fair, all students will receive a free \$5 book
- upcoming carnival (May 20th) and ice cream social (May 26th)
- on May 5th and 6th they have a reauthorization visit for their IB program

VII. Treasurer's Report - Beverly Saylor

- the \$4300 that was moved to the Shaker Schools Foundation was returned to PTO Council Budget

VIII. VP of Financial Management Report - Elizabeth Roeder

- Pi Day Event with Simply Delicious Pies made \$188. We plan to hold this fundraiser again next year & Simply Delicious Pies will give us more sale items to make money from
- Ongoing fundraiser: Pay-For-It pop up, optional \$5 fee that shows up whenever other fees are paid on-line, this has brought in \$210

IX. VP of Outreach Report - Carina Reimers, not present

X. VP of Parent Ed and Advocacy Report - Roxanne Jaber

- Lisa Damour, Shaker resident, psychologist and author, spoke on March 23rd, about teenage transitions, 210 attendees
- Dr. Scott Frank, director of Shaker Heights Health Dept., will be speaking on April 21st at the HS on "Understanding the Social Transitions of Adolescence in a New World of Popular Culture"

XI. Installation of 2016-2017 PTO Council Officers - Jeff Issacs

- PTO mission statement read, new officers called upon to endorse by responding "I do"
- Co-Presidents: Heather Weingart and Mark Levin
Co-1st VP: Mary Wilkinson and Lisa Kimmel
VP Communications: Jen Proe
VP Educational Enrichment: Karen Yusko (unable to attend meeting)
VP Financial Management: Tony Peebles
Co-VPs Outreach: Erin Zelin and Tracy Carpenter (unable to attend)
Co-VPs Parent Ed and Advocacy: Jen Bordeaux and Hannah Mendelsohn
Secretary: Sholanda Lewis
Treasurer: Beverly Saylor
Co-Nominating Chairs: Missy Sherwin and Candith McMillan

Heather Weingart and Mark Levin presented a gift to Missy Sherwin and Candith McMillan for their service this past year.

XII. Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM

Quick announcement that there will be an Old Board-New Board meeting, April 30th at 3 PM HS lower cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Hunter

Shaker Heights School District Master Planning

Master Plan Selection Forum

April 7, 2016

Master Plan Option 1

Replace 7-8 Grade Middle School

New 750 Student 7-8 Middle School

New Natatorium

New 1,200 seat Auditorium

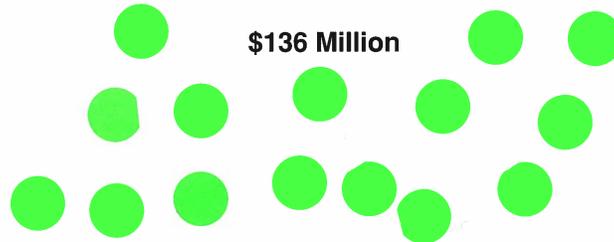
Renovate High School (per state standard and enhancements)

Repair 6 elementary schools to *"warm, safe, dry"* needs

District Technology Package

Renovate Woodbury as an elementary school

Repair athletic fields



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Master Plan Option 2
**Build New 5-8 Grade Complex at the
Middle School Site**

- New 1500 Student 5-8 School Complex
- New Natatorium
- New 1,200 seat Auditorium
- Renovate High School (per state standard and enhancements)
- Repair 5 elementary schools to "warm, safe, dry" needs
- District Technology Package
- Renovate Woodbury as administrative building
and recreation center
- Repair athletic fields

\$152 Million

Separate
buses