



Meeting Date: November 27, 2018 at 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Kolter North Cafeteria

Members present: 39 (See attendance sheets)

- **Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Gretchen Rossitto
- Gretchen Rossitto made a motion to approve the minutes of our September 2018 PTO meeting. Amanda Sorena seconded. None opposed. Motion passes.

- **Officers' Reports**

- President's Report – Gretchen Rossitto
 - Tickets for the 2019 Gala will be on sale tomorrow (11/28) look for an email and a link coming soon and join us! If you have anything for the auction, please let us know.
 - Drew Shefman is hoping to put together a home tour of houses that have been remodeled post Harvey or Memorial Day. They will sell tickets to these tours at the gala. If you are interested in helping/participating, please let him know.
 - Parent Child Dance is coming up on Feb 2nd. Save the date.
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- **Building Report – Troy Sneed**

- Presentation was given with target dates and renderings. (See Attached PDF)
- **Building Timelines**
 - Still targeting a completion date of January of 2020 with a move over Winter Break of 2019-2020
 - The campus broke ground this week and is officially starting construction
 - Estimation of 10 months for the building to be complete with extra time for permit approvals.
 - Budget is 23 million with 7 million for furniture, books, technology, etc.
 - When the building is complete, it will be under warranty for a year and we can give punch list items to the construction company, not HISD during this time.
- **Building Details**
 - The school itself will be 7 feet above grade with a mesh material to allow for water to flow underneath
 - There will be two mounds/hills created by the two entrance points to allow cars and busses to drop off level to the school entrance. No stairs to walk up to get to the front door.
 - There will be a net zero effect of the dirt moved to create these mounds, meaning no new dirt is being brought in.
 - There will be drainage created around the new property.
 - The Kindergarten playground and the sport court from the original Kolter have been stored and will be reused. We will also get two additional playgrounds.
 - There will be ADA ramping around the school.
 - While it will be not a certified "Lead" campus, they are trying to tick off as many Lead boxes as possible. There will be lights that are sensitive to the natural light and make adjustments. There will be water fountains that are easy to refill water bottles. Lights will switch off automatically when a room is empty.
 - Interior is similar to Condit, with "Distributed Learning Space." There will be no centralized library, but smaller libraries outside the classroom areas with appropriate level reading

materials.

- There are many open spaces in the design and window to let in lots of natural light.
- There is a dining space and a multi-purpose room with a divider in-between that can be opened up for larger events.

○ **Security**

- There will be a double entry system with a vestibule location in-between. You will be buzzed in, wait to be checked in, then buzzed in again.
- There will be 65 cameras on campus.
- All of the exterior doors will need electronic badges to enter the campus
- 100% gated campus

○ **Concerns**

- A concern was raised regarding the lack of designated classrooms for Magnet teachers. Ms. Dickinson is in discussion with the district regarding this concern. In order to be cost effective and quick, all four schools affected by Harvey are using the exact same plan. There was not an option to customize these plans for each school, only to be sure there were enough classroom space to accommodate enrollment. This plan is for 750 students. Current enrollment is around 650.
- There are places within the plan that might allow for us to change over items such as the Visual Arts and/or Performing Arts rooms into classroom space for Magnet teachers. Everyone realizes this is a concern for our school and they are working on solutions. That being said, nothing has been finalized or guaranteed at this moment.
- Working within the constraints, there is an option for PTO to help pay for some customizations if they are outside of the construction budget (room dividers, an additional entry door, etc.) PTO, Ms. Dickinson, and the construction company will continue to dialogue on this and were it might make sense for the PTO to help aid in any customizations that will help the new building better serve our needs.

○ **Future Communication**

- Ms. Dickinson will be receiving monthly updates she can share with us. The district will also provide quarterly updates on their website under "non-bonded" projects.

• **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm by Gretchen Rossitto.

Meeting minutes compiled by: Amanda Sorena, Kolter PTO Secretary 2018-2019