



Minutes
2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting
Mark White Elementary School

MEETING #: 26

LOCATION: HISD Construction Services Building – 3200 Center Street - HISD

DATE / TIME: May 16, 2016, 4:00pm

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)

	Diana Castillo	Principal – Pilgrim Academy
	Peter Heinze	Principal - Briar Meadow
✓	Alexander Rodriguez	Principal – Emerson ES
	Bobby Swaby	Principal – Piney Point ES
	Carrie Flores	Asst. Principal - Pilgrim Aca.
	Jeanine Jordan	Asst. Principal – Briar Grove
	Meredith Davis	Teacher - Briar Meadow
	Jamie Dybala	Teacher - Briar Meadow
✓	Marcie Sandell	Teacher – Piney Point ES
✓	Becky Luman	Parent – Briar Grove ES
	Martha Mireles	Parent – Pilgrim Academy
	Samuel Sarabia	HISD CSO
	Steven Gutierrez	HISD SSO
	Carlos Ramirez	HISD SSO
✓	Mark White	Building Namesake
✓	Alejandra Perez	Asst. Principal

✓	Dan Bankhead	HISD Fac. Design
	Todd Hamby	Division One Const.
	John Thomas	P2MG Construction
✓	Cheryl Hughes	HISD Fac. Construction
✓	Lisa Hernandez	Mark White Principal
	Andreas Peeples	HISD Fac. Construction
	Matisia Hollingsworth	HISD Fac. Construction
✓	Brian Alling	HISD PM
✓	Kathleen English	English & Assoc.
✓	Hopper, David	English & Assoc.
✓	Adams, Jon	English & Assoc.
	Mark Smith	HISD
	Dinah Wiafe	HISD Fac. Construction
✓	Derrick Sanders	HISD Fac. Construction
✓	Rebecca Kiest	HISD Bond Comms.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review the status of the project construction.

AGENDA:

- Project construction update
- What to expect at the next Project Advisory Team (PAT) meeting
- Questions and Answers

DISCUSSION:

1. Brian Alling, Project Manager for HISD Bond Program office, welcomed attendees and thanked them for their participation in the project.
2. Mr. David Hopper, Project Manager with English & Associates Architects, shared a brief summary of the Mark White Elementary School design.
 - a. The building was designed using the surrounding woods and nature as a design theme.
 - b. Polished concrete, stone veneer walls and color-tinted window glass in certain areas are planned to help bring nature and the outdoors into the building interior.
 - c. Large open areas are centrally located within the classroom wings to provide flexible use extended learning areas for students and teachers in classrooms surrounding these open areas.



3. Principal Lisa Hernandez presented several slide images of the furniture being considered for the new Mark White Elementary School.
 - a. The campus curriculum will focus on project-based-learning which requires students to work independently as well as collaboratively. For this reason, selected furnishings will allow for varying configuration arrangements in the different teaching areas they will be used.
 - b. Bookshelves with semi-transparent end panels are being considered for the learning resource center room to aid in students seeing the books on shelves.
 - c. Student work tables shaped to create a larger single table when combined are planned for the learning resource center as well as classrooms.
 - d. Some students learn better when they can move and shift in their seats. For this reason the district is looking at using a combination of both round stools with a curved base and chairs with flexible backs to allow for student movement while sitting in class.
 - e. Sectional soft cushioned seating pieces are planned for the large flexible use extended learning areas and learning commons to provide multiple seating configurations.
 - f. Classrooms will have a mixture of open storage cubicle type shelving and tall cabinet storage units for teacher and student supplies.
 - g. Both learning center and classroom furnishings will have caster wheels to allow teachers to rearrange their rooms as required.
4. Ms. Hernandez shared the Mark White Elementary School will be a French immersion campus using a 50/50 model for curriculum.
 - a. HISD traditional curriculum is being modified with elements of other French immersion schools in the United States her team has visited.
 - b. All content taught at the campus will be taught 50% of the day using French as the vehicle to deliver the curriculum.
5. Ms. Hernandez also informed attendees she has begun meeting with some parents and begun preparation to form a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for the Mark White Elementary campus and also reviewed options for school uniforms.
6. Mr. Alling presented the PAT meeting attendees photo slide images illustrating the status of the construction progress at the project. Mr. Alling presented photo illustrations of recent construction work at the project site. The construction progress update since the last PAT meeting included images of :
 - a. All the sloped roof areas are covered and prepared for metal roof panels to be installed.
 - b. The mason has begun installation of brick veneer on exterior walls.
 - c. Interior wall framing is continuing in the classroom areas and some drywall installation has begun.
 - d. Air ducts and plumbing work has begun in most areas of the building.
 - e. The lower flat roof areas over the dining and kitchen portion of the building are being prepared for roofing to begin as well.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- 26.01 Q. What level of storm resistance was the building designed to withstand?
A. Ms. English noted the building is primarily a concrete tilt-wall structure which is one of the highest wind resistance construction types used in school construction and was designed to comply with building code wind resistance requirements.
- 26.02 Q. Will the Mark White campus be designated as a Title One school?
A. Principal Hernandez responded this designation is not determined until the middle of the fall semester when enrollment information is known; however, she noted she does expect the campus will receive a Title One designation.
- 26.03 Q. What type of landscape planting will be used around the campus site?



- A. Ms. English and Mr. Alling informed the attendees the landscape is a mixture of low-maintenance grasses and trees including a few areas designed for science instructional use.
- 26.04 Q. What sorts of technology will be provided for students and staff in the building?
- A. Principal Hernandez informed the attendees she was coordinating with HISD staff with plans for teacher computers, laptop computers for shared use between classes for each grade level as well as projectors, smart boards and document cameras. Ms. Hernandez indicated she is also visiting with some of her future teaching staff asking them for input regarding their preferences for classroom instructional needs.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:

- 1. A construction progress update will be presented.

NEXT PAT MEETING: Monday, July 18, 2016 at 4:00 pm, at HISD Construction Services Building (3200 Center Street – Houston, TX).

Please review the meeting minutes and submit any changes or corrections to the author. After five (5) days, the minutes will be assumed to be accurate.

Sincerely,

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