

# Minutes 2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School

**MEETING #**: 30

**LOCATION:** Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School- Student Dining Area

**DATE / TIME:** August 11, 2015 @ 3:30 PM

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)						
	<b>√</b>	Chaolin Chang	Principal	<b>√</b>	Dane Roberts	Asst. Principal
	✓	Patricia Butler	Teacher	<b>✓</b>	Sara Butler	HISD Comm.
	<b>√</b>	Leslie Culhane	MCLIMS P.T.O.		Yi-Ching Wu	Teacher
	✓	Bill Hutz	TIRZ No. One	<b>✓</b>	Angie Chen	Parent
		Paul Alleyne	Parent		Yi-Ching Wu	Teacher
		Eric Ford	HISD Design	<b>√</b>	Tammie Newman	CMAR PM
	✓	Albert Wong	HISD PM	✓	Michael Liu	Teacher
	<b>√</b>	Robert Mohler	РВК	<b>√</b>	Jennifer Gribble	St. Geo. P.T.O.

**PURPOSE:** Provide a brief update of construction activities on the MCLIMS Project jobsite and address any comments from the MCLIMS Community Meeting held on July 28, 2015.

### AGENDA:

- Provide update of current and future construction activities on the MCLIMS Project site.
- Discuss any comments from the MCLIMS Community Meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Satterfield & Pontikes' Construction Project Manager, Tammie Newman, was introduced and mentioned current jobsite activities, such as the delivery and assembly of the steel erection crane and equipment at the MCLIMS jobsite and the delivery of structural steel members. The building steel erection began today, with Sarah Butler, of HISD Communications, stopping by the jobsite before today's meeting and taking photos of these initial steel erection activities. The building slab pours will continue thru August to complete this portion of the work.
- 2. Construction of the redesigned "storm water detention system" serving both school campuses is ongoing, with final soil grading around the new storm water area drains and inlets still required. The new grass sodding is scheduled to begin later this month, with a temporary sprinkler irrigation system installed to water this these areas until the grass is established. The temporary fencing will be left in place until the grass is ready for any student playground activities.



- 3. There was a brief discussion about the replanting of the two existing elm trees that were previously located in the expanded St. George Place ES storm water detention area to a new location and the concern that they may not survive the current dry weather and transplanting. Albert Wong indicated that he met with the Trees For Houston Executive Director, Barry Ward, when these trees were relocated and Mr. Ward expressed his doubts about their ability to survive. However, Mr. Ward offered their organization's involvement in providing and installing new trees to replace these as well as plant some additional ones, at no cost to HISD, and to supplement the current landscaping on both campuses as long as irrigation would be provided by HISD for these new trees within two years of planting. In the meantime, they would be willing to water these new trees as long as they had access to do so. Angie Chen asked how HISD will work with Trees For Houston to determine where these new trees would be planted on both campuses and Mr. Wong responded that he will confirm the process and species of trees that were available for consideration.
- 4. Mr. Wong asked Ms. Chen if there were any further status updates on the previously mentioned availability of some of the Uptown TIRZ's oak trees along Post Oak Boulevard, in the Galleria area, that were being removed and might be considered for transplanting to both school campuses. Ms. Chen responded that, unfortunately, there were no updates to report.
- 5. Mr. Wong referred to an email that was recently sent by Principal Chang, regarding the potential for a source of funding for a steel structure over the current outdoor basketball court by incorporating photovoltaic solar panels onto the roof structure. After contacting William Richmond, the person mentioned in the email, it was determined that there was the potential for a 30% rebate of the installation costs for constructing a "solar array system" on any structures that were not considered part of a main building. However, there was still the problem with providing the initial funding for building this structure, so this did not provide a funding solution for building a new cover structure over the outdoor basket court.
- 6. In addressing a MCLIMS Community Meeting comment about the loss of the crushed granite walking track around the previous soccer field area, PBK's Robert Mohler used a set of construction drawings to show the difference in size of the previously encompassed area with the current storm water detention design's overall area, to indicate that a new track will be more than doubled in length. The PAT members, including Ms. Gribble, the St. George Place ES PTO President, indicated their agreement to raise funds to offset the cost for the additional length of walking track if HISD will proceed in installing a new one.
- 7. With response to a MCLIMS Community Meeting parent's comment, Principal Chang indicated that there would be consideration to stagger the start times, if necessary, for the MCLIMS Elementary and Middle School students, to minimized vehicular traffic congestion. Additionally, MCLIMS will collaborate with the St. George Place ES administration to coordinate each campuses' student drop off and pick up schedules, if required.
- 8. Another MCLIMS Community Meeting comment suggested a designated lane for student drop offs in the mornings, but this parent may not have been familiar with the current designed, double loaded, queuing lanes within the on-site student drop off area in front of the new school entrance and the semi-protected south lane along West Alabama St., in front of the school campus. Additionally, Sarah Butler, with HISD Communications, was able to confirm that Middle School campuses usually have an HISD PD officer to assist with traffic control during various parts of the day, on a regular basis.
- 9. When asked by Mr. Wong, Principal Chang confirmed that he was scheduled to meet with HISD's Mark Thompson tomorrow morning, August 13<sup>th</sup>, to begin discussions about the MCLIMS FF&E requirements.
- 10. Prior to the close of the meeting, Ms. Chen asked if the PAT could obtain a list of the Project's "Add Alternate" items that currently appear to lack funding but might be considerations for their PTO and other organizations to provide financial resources for. She requested the estimated construction costs for implementing these items and the timeline for getting them installed. Mr. Wong responded that he will



have to review and confirm these items and associated costs with the Construction Manager At Risk and HISD before providing this information to the PAT.

## **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

1. No additional questions were asked by the PAT.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Mr. Wong to review and confirm the current MCLIMS Project Add Alternate costs and timeline for implementation if additional funding is provided by outside sources.
- 2. Prepare for next MCLIMS PAT Meeting.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:

1. Provide construction activities and timeline updates.

NEXT PAT MEETING: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 3:30 pm, in Mandarin Chinese LIMS Library

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

Sincerely,

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