

11-10-15 Meeting Minutes Chelsea Heights PTO Meeting

Facilities Master Planning

Todd Larson Area E Planner presented the Proposed Master Planning for 21 Century Learning. It was an 18-20 month process to put a plan together for schools for the next 10 years and planning was done through our pathway - Chelsea to Murray to Como High- Area E.

We have been through four phases, studying data, establishing standards, schools develop plans, and now finalizing the district's plan. Plans will be adopted in March. A five year plan will be laid out.

One component of the process was looking at 10 year building projected enrollments. This will be updated with each year's actual data, but there will be an upward trend in enrollment in the next 10 years.

Who decides when projects will be completed? That answer will be given soon. The school board will be taking some action and affirm some decisions in regard to the first five years of work.

Chelsea Heights Top 10 Priorities to Guide FMP

1. Replace carpeting - first floor
2. new recreation center entry - wrap around services (won't be in master plan)
3. varied spaces - individual quiet spaces
4. dedicated science areas
5. collaborative classrooms
6. operations and staff work space
7. stairways and halls are tight
8. windows, skylights, glass
9. restrooms
10. furnishing - more flexible, have wheels and be mobile, additional storage (district is creating standards for this to support different learning environments)

The following conceptual plans were shared. These are big ideas, not final plans.

Basement Conceptual Plan

-no more instruction, would be used for storage

First Floor Conceptual Plan

-big idea drawings right now, decisions within community and staff, a more open planning process

-dedicated space for creative arts, new science room (aligns with district's vision), new restroom facilities, office design

-get rid of stair to basement and small hall, new grand stair connecting all three floors

-new finishes in hall (losing carpet)

-daylight into cafeteria, and possibly removing stage

-kindergarten and 1st grade in same area as current

-hallway through to gym

-performing arts downstairs, visual art space upstairs, library in upstairs place still

-no plans for a computer lab, online testing taken into account in planning however

Phasing the Work

-summer is not enough time to complete all of the final plans
-planning will be done in collaboration with school site
Could there be a preK program at Chelsea? We do have space.
Go to <http://facilities.spps.org/fmp> to see booklets with visuals of what has been done in district already (furniture, spaces, labs, hallways, learning commons, added daylight, etc) This website is comprehensive, including the planning process and information.
More information to come in the next few months (website, newsletter).

Principal's Report

Conferences are next week. Notes were sent home. Contact the office if you did not receive your time confirmation.
Wednesday there is a No Bullying assembly with the Minnesota Vikings.
The 5th grade overnight is Nov. 30-Dec. 2.
The Cheetah Challenge is at about 97 spots. Kids are very excited! The reward day is looking like Thursday, Nov. 19.
Prospective parents are coming through Chelsea Heights. Fifth graders give tours.
New this year - The school fair is at Washington Technology Magnet. Only for preK and K this year. The date is Saturday, Jan. 9th, 9:30-2:00. Volunteers will be needed.
Scholastic Book Fair is next week. Could this be turned over to the PTO? Julie Silver is currently performing many roles. Volunteers are needed for the book fair next week.
Baggie Books - Books are brought to the classrooms. A community member has stepped forward for running this program.

Coat Drive

This was last week Thursday. We have a huge closet of coats ranging from 12 months-adult sizes. We worked with seven families. Families can still be assisted.
Marvelous Mitten Makers donated and thank you notes have been written. PTO is considering options for another coat drive in mid-winter.

Food Drive

This started on Nov. 2nd and ends on Dec. 4th. Food is collected from teachers each Friday. Could the Girl Scouts be involved? Jill Dent and scouts have offered to help with items at meetings. Chelsea Heights donated 2000 pounds of food last year!

Give to the Max Day

November 12th - A state-wide day of giving. This is an organized day when you can donate online or send a check to school to support the Chelsea PTO. You can schedule your donation online in advance of November 12th.

December Meeting

A Feed My Starving Children event was discussed at the October meeting, but the only date available was on December 19th. Instead, we will hold a meet and greet at Como Park Grill. We will have drawings - bring a friend to the meeting and you're entered once, bring a teacher

and get entered three times! The December meeting is on the 15th, beginning at 6:00 and there will be light appetizers.

Filmraiser

Brooke and Julie are looking into a new fundraiser. This a fundraiser where students, community, teachers (or friends nation-wide) could buy tickets to a specific movie (G or PG for elementary schools) and a percent of proceeds would be donated to Chelsea. The price of the movie ticket is the same as you would pay for the ticket normally. There is a two ticket per phone max. A school/community must have purchased 50 tickets, and after that \$5 of the \$10 would go to the school.

NW Como

Look for flyers for Mr. & Mrs. Claus dinners and holiday events.

Family Fitness Night and Literacy Night

January 8 is Family Fitness Night. An email went out to interested coordinators from the fall PTO letter. Contact Brooke Ust if you are interested in volunteering or helping with coordinating.

Literacy Night is February 19th. A coordinator is needed.

Parent Teacher Conferences

PTO puts meals together for teachers. An email will be going out soon to sign up with Sign Up Genius. Meals are Tuesday and Thursday. Teachers really appreciate the meals.

Budget

We are close to final numbers for Club's Choice. We brought in about \$10,000, but that is about \$1400 below our projections.