

PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals' Meeting

Welcome

Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed the PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals' Council and thanked them for attending.

2008 Bond Referendum

Council members received an update of the construction projects funded by the 2004 Bond Referendum before receiving information about the 2008 Bond Referendum. Dr. Stockton explained that enrollment in CISD for the fall of 2008 will be in excess of 48,000 students. This projected growth will increase the number of students in all geographic areas of the District in every grade level. With this in mind, the CISD Board of Trustees established the 2008 CISD Facility Planning Committee and charged them with providing a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in regards to a bond referendum. The Committee utilized the work of the 2004 CISD Facility Planning Committee, a recent comprehensive demographic study conducted in 2006 by the firm Population and Survey Analysts (PASA) of College Station, and a review of existing facilities by engineers, architects and campus site-based teams. This information was utilized to develop a needs assessment for CISD through the year 2016. Using conservative trends, PASA projects that CISD will grow in excess of 21,000 students from 2007 to 2016! On February 18, 2008, the CISD Board of Trustees unanimously accepted the recommendation of the 2008 CISD Facility Planning Committee. The Committee's recommendation defines the facility needs of the District through 2012 and is the cornerstone of the 2008 CISD Bond Referendum. The plan will serve as the blueprint for future District bond referenda. Election Day is May 10, 2008 for the Conroe Independent School District school bond referendum which addresses current enrollment growth, renovations, technology, transportation needs, and safety and security. The proposition represents the needs as identified by the 2008 Facility Planning Committee.

Bond Snapshot

1. New Facilities
 - a. Two new Junior High Schools
 - b. One new Intermediate School
 - c. Four new Elementary Schools
2. District-wide Additions and Renovations
 - a. Convert Peet JHS to serve as CHS 9th grade campus
 - b. Major addition at Travis Intermediate
 - c. Major classroom and core space addition at San Jacinto Elementary
 - d. Classroom addition at Deretchin Elementary
 - e. Classroom addition at Tough Elementary
 - f. Major classroom and core space addition at TWCPHS
3. Campus Improvements
 - a. District-wide Air Conditioning & Heating Improvements
 - b. District-wide Electrical Upgrades
 - c. District-wide Parking Expansions

- d. ADA (Accessibility) Improvements
 - e. Transportation Improvements (New Buses)
 - f. Land Purchases for Future Growth
 - g. District-wide Technology Upgrades
 - h. Career & Technology Program Improvements
4. Safety and Security Enhancements
 - a. District-wide Campus Security & Surveillance Enhancements

The total for the 2008 Bond Referendum is \$527 M. The CISD financial advisors project that the 2008 Bond Referendum will cost 10 cents on the tax rate. The 2004 bond program was originally projected to cost tax payers 9.75 cents on the debt service tax rate. However, the actual impact on the tax rate was 3.75 cents (approximately 40% of the original projection). The reasons for the significant reduction in the actual costs were favorable interest rates, refinancing of bonds, strong growth in property values in our district, and special state funding programs to support facility expansion in fast growth school districts.

Numerous community organizations have issued resolutions in support of the Bond Referendum. All information pertaining to the 2008 Bond Referendum will be posted on the CISD website and an informational brochure will be mailed to parents of CISD students. Early voting will begin April 28, 2008 and Election Day will be May 10, 2008.

IRS Reports, Financial Report, Review Committee Report

Teresa Carpenter, Internal Auditor presented a Due Date Checklist to council members and explained the importance of the review of the current year's financial records. She strongly recommended that the reviews be completed by June, 2008.

PTO/PTA: Sharing Our Good News!

Principals shared great activities taking place on their campuses to promote parental involvement and ways that parents are enhancing programs at the schools. Schools that shared were:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| High School | Hauke Academic Alternative High School
Dr. JoAnn Beken, Principal |
| Junior High School | Peet Junior High School
Curtis Null, Principal |
| Intermediate School | Collins Intermediate School
Norma Nardone, Principal |
| Elementary School | Armstrong Elementary
Victor Uher, Principal |

Future Meetings

Dr. Jean Stewart, Deputy Superintendent, concluded the meeting, thanked everyone for attending, and noted that the date of the next meeting will be during the fall of 2008 after the new school year begins.