

Park City School District
June 7, 2016
Special Regular Session 9:00 AM

Members present

Tania Knauer, JJ Ehlers, Julie Eihausen and Nancy Garrison participating via Face time and telephone.

Staff Present:

Ember Conley, Todd Hauber, and Lorie Pearce

Call to Order

Board President Knauer called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Dr. Conley led the pledge of allegiance.

Committee Updates

Communication Committee

Communications Specialist, Molly Miller, provided a brief update regarding the Communication's Committee. The goal of this committee is to review the input and output of information and to review the social media policy. Member Knauer referred Molly to the Board Handbook communication information for a starting point since she feels that everyone should be doing the same thing. Member Garrison wants to make sure that the Latino population will be represented on this committee.

Board Ad-Hoc Open Meetings

The Board discussed opening the high school expansion committee and elementary curriculum meetings to the public. There has been some concerns and/or questions from the community regarding the design and programming committees and people wanting to be able to attend to hear the discussions. The Board discussed making those meetings open, but not for participation. Dr. Conley doesn't have a problem with this, but we have a lot of work to do and those watching need to use the committee members as their voice. Dr. Conley said that one option would be to have them video taped for the community. Todd Hauber suggested having a known public input period so that the community knows when they can provide comments. This item will be revisited again at the June 21 Board Meeting.

Latino Committee Updates

Latino Outreach Coordinator, Nora Buchanan, had representatives from each of the school report on the Latino Committees and what they have done this year.

Pedro Alvarez has children, one at Treasure Mountain and one at Ecker Hill. Pedro also works at TMJH and he represents the Latino Community for that school. Last year the committee was able to get 5th hour in place for students who need extra help. Pedro went on to say that we need to follow up on what we are doing at TMJH so that this doesn't decline. We also need more communication with the Latino Committee.

Salvadore has two children, 8 and 4 years old at McPolin Elementary. He thanked Mr. Ed for reviewing the parking needs and making the necessary change to protect the students. Next year they would like to

promote and do a better job of showing people that they are involved in the school. We also want to work on making stronger bonds between the teachers and ourselves as parents.

Guadalupe has two children, one at PPES and one at TMJH. Started off by saying that the intercultural celebration at PPES was very impressive and a lot of work was done by the teachers. Communication hasn't worked between administrative side of the school and the parents. This leads to communication breakdown in what is and what is not done. Another area of concern is the front office climate. It is not very welcoming. If I call to say my child is sick, I don't have time to even give them my name or child's name and I am hung up on. I would like to see information about what is going to happen at the first of the year translated into Spanish for us.

Nancy has a student going into the 8th grade. At EHMS they held meetings the on the 2nd Thursday of every month and Mr. Salinas has been very supportive. We started talking about communication and any problems we had with teachers, and we were able to resolve these problems. The traffic and bus stop caused some problems so next year there will be a flashing light and a speed bump to slow the cars down. This year we haven't had any problems with communications, due to Mr. Salinas communicating via text and phone. Thank you all for taking time to help us and give us a voice, but we still have work to do. Everything worked very well this year, perhaps other schools should take EHMS as a model of how to communicate with families. Next year she will be working at TMJH with Pedro and unfortunately she cannot take Mr. Salinas with her.

Assistant Principal, Sam Salinas, was before the Board to discuss What Counts and the communication with the Latino population. The initial meeting took place in late March. All schools were represented except JRES. We divided up the topics of What Counts and we asked a question in each area: Communication, The Educational System, Culture, Teachers, Students, Parent Involvement, Community Partnerships and Integration. All of the answers will be posted on our website.

Communication: There is a lack of accurate translation

Improvements: Parents are interested in receiving text message over all other forms of communication

Education: They want classes on school programs like PowerSchool and CANVAS

Improvements: A person who speaks Spanish

Culture: How do you feel when you visit the school: Parents feel disfranchised and ignored

Improvements: being courteous and smiling

Teachers: Effective communicator - Involve or invite parents to school events

Improvements: Be persistent

Students: How do you find out about academics - PTC

Improvements: Parents want to be involved and work with teachers and counselors, and know that they have support from the school

Parent Involvement: Barriers - language lack of communication

Improvements: Educate Latino parents about the educational system

Community Partnerships: Services - Many services

Improvements: Transportation and communication

Integration: How does the school promote academic success-Parent meetings
Improvements positive relations with parents and teachers

Dr. Conley said that it takes years to change the culture health of an organization. It takes thoughtful training as well as a monitory support from the Board to put programs into place to help with the training. We need to do a better job with customer service.

Basin Recreation Master Planning Advisory Committee

Member Eihausen gave a brief update on the Basin Recreation Master Plan. The last meeting will be June 29. The committee went through all of the public comments. We will see three of four consolidations for public input at the next meeting. They are interested in what the school is going to do as far as a school site at EHMS.

Reports

Update for TMJH-EPA Soil Mitigation

Business Administrator, Todd Hauber, presented information to the Board regarding the EPA soil findings at Treasure Mountain Junior High. This report will include summer work to mitigate soil issues around Treasure Mountain Junior High east from Comstock, south of the TMJH Building, along Kearns Boulevard and the softball fields. This work will require a communication's plan to inform public of the work and expectations from EPA, School District, and City. Work will take place from mid July through mid August. There will be two phases to the plan due to ball tournaments that are scheduled on the property. Mid July will start at Comstock and work eastward. There will be a lot of trucks lined up along Kearns Boulevard during this time. EPA will be covering all of the costs of this project. When the tournament is done, they will then complete the fields back to the wetlands, not including the wetlands. The district cost will be to restore the softball diamonds. It will be very busy along this area, but it should be completed by mid August. Member Knauer would like the information posted for the community. Todd said that EPA will provide the details, and the district will get it out to the community.

Discussion

Pathways Enrollment

Lyndsay Huntsman, Tom Van Gorder and Kathy Einhorn were before the Board to discuss increasing student enrollment in STEM Pathways. For the last three years, PCSD has actively improved the offerings for students in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. PCSD has been part of the NAPE Model Grant with a specific focus on minorities and females in these areas.

Lyndsay talked about scheduling for this year and the way that the high school is offering CTE classes. Due to the difficulty in scheduling singleton classes (95 last year) they have narrowed these pathways to:

Business and Marketing

Digital Media

Engineering

Health Science

Programming and Software Development

Within each pathway there are classes that would fit under the offering. Based on what has been offered it appears that the enrollment numbers have increased in many of the classes. Member Garrison asked what is going on with the enrollment numbers with PCCAPs. Lyndsay said that moving back to the high school was an issue, along with instructors. She believes that engineering has remained strong because

they have a licensed teacher who is the instructor. Member Eihausen asked how we are involving the community when gearing this towards educators teaching the classes. All mentors are on board with this change as is the advisory board. Member Garrison asked if they are disturbed by the enrollment numbers. Lyndsay said yes, but one of the biggest barriers is that parent release represents 1/3 of the school and until we put guidelines into place this may always be an issue.

Discussion

Out of State Travel Request

The Board reviewed the travel request from PCHS Golf Coach, George Murphy, to travel to Phoenix, AZ on September 9-11, 2016 with five students to compete at a national tournament.

2016-2017 Board Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed board meeting dates for the 2016-2017 school year. The final dates will be brought back for approval.

Tentative Budget

Business Administrator, Todd Hauber, presented the tentative budget along with the financing options for next projects. Assumptions include:

Project scope:

Remodel high school \$25M

New elementary \$25 M

Occupancy dates

PCHS Phase 1 August 2018

Phase II and elementary August 2019

Time: funds available for phased construction (money available today)

CAPITAL FUND BALANCE

Estimated \$15 million remains available in fund balance

Potential Considerations:

McPolin expansion

Treasure Mountain demolition

Infrastructure for traffic solutions

Recreation Master Plan collaboration

OPEN QUESTIONS

1. Can the high school remodel be done in phases? What phase order?
2. Where are students located during each construction phase of high school?
3. Can high school grade expansion happen by Aug. 2018?
4. Can location of new elementary school be identified for completion by Aug. 2019?
5. How will collaboration with Master Recreation Plan look?

President Knauer believes that we have plenty of education time built into this schedule that the bond will pass next time. Member Eihausen feels like she is the only one that has an issue with this timeline. Waiting for grade realignment until 2019 doesn't sit well with her. Member Garrison said that one issue that came up was that we didn't have our plans well enough defined. She is curious as to whether or not the drawings will be complete prior to the bond process. Todd believes that the high school drawings

will be complete, but the elementary may not be. Member Knauer believes it is important to include the community in the process.

Tentative Budget:

Nothing has changed since the budget was discussed at the last meeting. Todd is now asking for additional input or questions from the Board.

Dr. Conley shared that we have contacted the state and they will come in and present our state audit, which is a comparison with us and the rest of Utah. UVU has been contacted, and they have two College of Education Program Directors, who will do a program review. The state will also come in and do a 504 training for our administrators. New software that will allow us to track 504 more easily and also does evaluations. We will also provide training for staff later in August.

Decisions

Out of State Travel Requests

PCHS Track Coach, Steve Cuttitta, is asking permission to travel to Garden City, UT on August 1-4, 2016 with 20-30 students to participate in a cross-country camp.

PCHS teacher, George Murphy, is asking permission to travel to Cuba on June 12-25, 2016 with 21 students to participate in a humanitarian trip.

Swim Coach, Mike Werner, is asking permission to travel to Fresno, CA on August 2-7, 2016 with 4-10 students to participate in the Western Zone Senior Championships.

Member Ehlers made a motion to approve the out of state travel requests as presented. Member Eihausen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business Items

Member Eihausen wanted to share how great she felt graduation was.

Member Ehlers chaperoned the after graduation party, and she said it was fantastic.

Adjourn

Member Ehlers made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal issues. Member Eihausen seconded the motion. Roll call vote; Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

Tania Knauer, President

JJ Ehlers, Member

Absent
Philip Kaplan, Member

Nancy Garrison, Member

Julie Eihausen, Member

Todd Hauber, Business Administrator