

PAINT BRANCH CLUSTER REPORT
November 2018

In addition to the meeting minutes below:

- PBHS elected officers on 10/22
- CC Brian Anleu joined 11/5 NEC-Sherwood strategy conference call
- CC Collins Odongo collected information from Greencastle ES for CIP testimony
- CC Tracie Potts delivered monthly membership certificate and gift card to Cloverly PTA
- Worked with all units to complete SOCA compliance.

MINUTES

PAINT BRANCH CLUSTER MEETING

Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:30pm
East County Community Center

INTRODUCTIONS

Cluster Coordinator Tracie Potts called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM/BUDGET (Brian Anleu)

Cluster Coordinator Brian Anleu will testify for the cluster on Nov. 8. Each school with representatives present discussed their needs.

Banneker MS (AP Andrew Glaspie + PTA VP Natlie Jennfier)

- smart boards (some classes have them, some don't)
- reconstruct bus loop, eliminating grass circle, so buses can "angle in" and load more easily, making it safer for students running across bus lanes
- new school building (44 years old with no major renovation; patchwork repairs and upgrades aren't cost-effective. Banneker just got its 3rd new roof.)

Burtonsville ES (Candice Ngo, PTA Pres)

- redo bus loop
- HVAC status???
- cafeteria too small (recurrent request)
- *HEALTH HAZARD* classroom rugs need cleaning - PTA offered but was told no
- kindergarten class in teacher's lounge
- *SAFETY HAZARD* 2 jagged PVC pipes on playground
- *HEALTH/SAFETY HAZARD* rusted picnic tables on playground - tetanus hazard?

Paint Branch HS (Eric Gerber, Dean of Students + Anthony Brown, PTSA President)

- Entrance was redone to improve traffic flow, in conjunction with a new traffic light. A 2nd phase will be done on the property (not involving the road) to create a 2nd entrance/exit.
- HVAC is inconsistent. There are very warm and very cold areas. For example, former computer rooms now being used as classrooms are cooler because they were designed to have

more A/C. Principal says it's because PBHS is a green building. Gerber: HVAC is designed to work properly with classroom doors closed, but teachers and students open them (maybe because it's HOT?!) The high ceiling on the gym side of the school also creates variability in temperature. In some areas forced air doesn't appear to be coming through, and windows are not designed to open.

- Does NOT recommend PB's contractor for future projects because things that should have been addressed were missed. Larger issue: contractor scrutiny & review. Are contractors being selected only based on low bids? Are they addressing school needs? Is there a review of their work and community satisfaction after projects are completed before granting them a new contract?

- Work orders have been placed for emergency fire door handles

- Despite growing enrollment PBHS will avoid portables with creative scheduling (1/2 days for seniors, larger classes, more students taking college courses and internships, will consider block scheduling if needed - all to create more classroom space)

Briggs Chaney MS (Parent Jhanina Santiago)

- library remodel (repeat request)

- locker replacement (repeat request)

WT Page ES (Parent Jhanina Santiago)

- high stress due to Spanish immersion influx from Rolling Terrace

- \$ that was supposed to expand playground being used for portables and other things for increased enrollment

Follow up with Cloverly, Galway and Greencastle (not present). Also mentioned: NSA does free student assemblies (check "MEPS" program).

NEC BOUNDARY STUDY (Charisse Scott)

Charisse explained and the group discussed the request for both a Consortium boundary study and long-term enrollment study by MCPS consultants. Check 2008 OLO study for background.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Melissa Anderson)

Melissa Anderson of Cedar Ridge Church explained their partnership with Greencastle ES and advocacy, including a letter to Superintendent Smith urging more after school programs in East County. They're hoping to provide transportation for parents and students to BOE hearings to tell their stories of the need for more and quality after school programs. Group discussed budget cuts and corporate sponsorship of schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Tracie)

- PTAs: Thank you for SOCA compliance follow up

- December cluster meeting TBA (for Operating Budget prep)

- Exploring shared cluster calendar

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

By Tracie Potts, Paint Branch Cluster Coordinator