

Immersion Parent Advisory Committee

February 19, 2018

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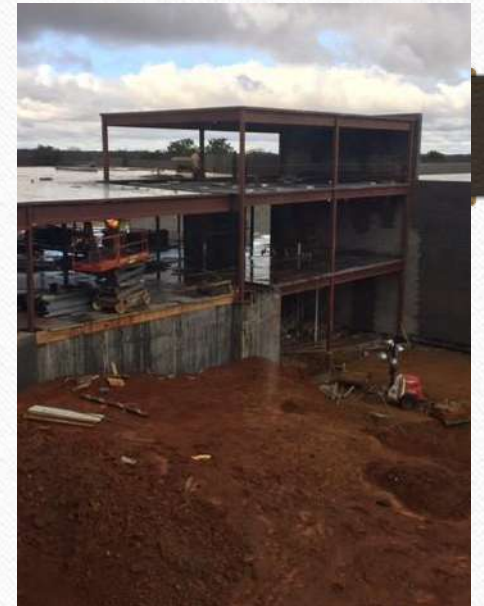
Celebrations

- Pat Maness named principal of new Immersion School.
- School's name will be taken before the school board on Monday, Feb. 26th.

Immersion School Update

•Dr. Pew

Dr. Pew is still targeting an August 1st opening date for the new building. She expressed that she does have concerns about the progress of the building. She is working with district leadership on a contingency plan just in case the August 1st date does not happen. She will provide an update to all families by Spring Break.



Immersion Applications

- Due February 28, 2018
- Rising Kindergarteners with siblings in the program must apply.

Intent to Transfer

- Due February 19, 2018
- Parents may still submit
- Rising 6th grade immersion families should attend the Rising 6th Grade Night at Sullivan at 6:00 p.m. on March 1st.

-Intent to Transfer for Kindergarteners-Grade 4 was emailed and sent home in hard copy.
-Intent to Transfer for rising 6th graders was emailed and sent home in hard copy in October.

Immersion Staffing Update

- Meetings taking place
- Recruitment

SIC at Sullivan has started networking with local real estate agents.

Promoting Our Programs

•Come-See-Me Festival

- Booth at Sundays with Mother Goose/In the Park cannot actually advertise without being a \$1500 sponsor; we can have a booth if we have a craft and we can distribute flyers.
- Come-See-Me Parade: Float for \$50 with up to 25 walkers deadline is March 30th; 80s theme. Considering an Immersion t-shirt with an 80s design. Parade is April 12th at 6:30; starts at Roasting Company.

•Giveaways

Give-away: Pins or other crafts that the students can make.

Feedback

Now that principal is hired, what is timeline for other things like a website (sometime before August?) in place so that he can possibly communicate things to the immersion elementary school families prior to the first day of school. Perhaps he wants to send out a Hello or brief Newsletter introducing himself to everyone and how excited he is to start this journey.

Answer: Once Principal-Elect Maness begins his role officially on July 1, he will communicate with all stakeholders.

Should the parents at the new elem immersion school start a new FB page for parents specifically? (for us on IPAC to decide)

Answer: Once the school has a name, this would be appropriate.

Should the district start a World Languages or Immersion FB page, or a Schools of Choice FB page that all SOC families could follow or anyone interested in SOC would follow.

Answer: Once the school has a name, this would be appropriate beginning July 1.

How will the families of this new school be communicated to? Will Mr. Maness start sending out All Calls to all families like any other school in July regarding the start of the school year? Or will this still be handled by Delandris Jones/District?

Answer: Mr. Maness will begin sending out information to immersion families once he officially occupies that role beginning July 1. Until then, communication will be handled by Dr. Joya Holmes (Exec. Dir. of School Choice), Delandris Jones, (Coordinator of WL) and/or Mychal Frost (Director of Communications).

What is timeline for when the new school will have a name?

Answer: There was a name that was brought to the School Board on February 12th. The School Board will make a vote on the proposed name on February 26th.

**Any follow up with those parents
who have not committed to
transitioning to SLMS?**

Answer: Yes, only 3 have responded. Follow up sent on 2/14/18.

Can we see an updated status of incoming 6 grade schedule at Sullivan, specifically Soc Stud part. So far there is Soc Stud in Target language. Will there be offering of advanced and regular in target? Are there any questions with regards to that schedule that IPAC can give advice/opinion on?

Answer: The schedule has not changed since the last meeting. Immersion students will take the Adv. World Language course. Additionally, SS will have a regular track and an advanced track.

For new School, will Library books be mostly English, but also percentage of French and Spanish? Will those come from current schools or new purchases? When will that librarian be in place? They will need lead time to stock Library. Is it separate just for k5-3rd or k5-5th? Will any of k5-5th share use of SMS Library for cost savings?

Answer: Purchased instructional materials and holdings for the media center are handled at the district level via a bid process and done as a group. These are funded differently than the building itself. This will be done in accordance with the timing necessary so that they are in place on time for the opening of the school. Some instructional materials will also come from other schools. These are being inventoried and appropriate materials will be moved in a timely manner. As with any new school, there will be materials available at the opening of the school and we will continue to add to their holdings annually.

Also new School, will students have extra elective of foreign language in addition to PE, Music, Art, Library, and Guidance, like some Elem schools offer currently? What about technology/computers elective? (what will be electives offered be)

Answer: District administration along with Principal-Elect Maness will be meeting on a bi-weekly basis to discuss the Related Arts needs.

For rising HS transition(immersion students), is it a consideration at all that they each attend zoned HS but have offering of adv. target language study at their zoned school or be bussed to the one school that has the immersion advanced target language study? Especially if they are doing something like dual credit in 10th where Teacher is off site (Winthrop?) anyway.

Answer: This is being considered.

Next Meeting

Answer: April 2018. Will send out date to I.P.A.C. members.