

# New NE School – Pre-Planning Group (PPG) Meeting

## MINUTES

10-27-08

7:15PM – 9:00PM

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980 PONCE DE LEON AVE

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Clare Richie
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Setting goals for the planning teams/researching ideas and initiatives
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Clare Richie, Elizabeth Lieberman, Deborah Danzig, Susie Lazega
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Angela Monje
<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	N/A
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Committee sign-up sheets: library meeting room was packed

## Agenda topics

7:00-7:10

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

CLARE RICHIE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Everyone in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves and talked about their children.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Excited group to be a part of this new school!	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

7:10-7:15

GOALS & PURPOSE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Researching ideas prior to the selection of a principal and the establishment of a formal PTA or PTO.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	APS reports a new principal will be hired in early 2009. At that time, we will invite the new principal to review our work and drive the next steps.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

7:15-7:35

VISION BRAINSTORM

ELIZABETH LIEBERMAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Members of the MES Local School Council (LSC) and its Collaborative Planning Committee (CPC) (Karen Woodward, Kelly Fortin and Cameron Stoeckel) and an officer of the MES PTA (Susie Lazega, current MES PTA president) were present.</p> <p>Dana Persons, Midtown Education Committee Chair, brought up the curriculum and vision for the new school. A discussion of IB (International Baccalaureate), a well rounded view of the world vs Core Knowledge education (currently used at MES and Mary Lin), ensued.</p> <p>The group discussed the excitement about being part of a brand new school and potentially having a voice in shaping the school. For example, having an urban/sustainability theme/stand based on the fact that it will be a LEED certified school with a rooftop garden. Although the group recognizes that the principal will have his or her own ideas, parents were interested in participating in a vision committee to explore the various options and possibilities for the new school and to determine next steps going forward (ie. an electronic survey to solicit community-wide input, a memo to APS, etc.)</p> <p>In response to a question from a parent, Karen Woodward, chair of the LSC CPC, reported that based upon meetings the CPC has had with APS officials, including SRT 3 Executive Director Dr. Gloria Patterson, APS intends to create a new school modeled on Mary Lin and Morningside, which, as will the new school, both feed into Inman Middle School. Therefore, if the community prefers something different, such as a foreign language other than Spanish, the parents would have to request and advocate for a different program.</p>	
	<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	An IB curriculum will not be paid for by APS; rather funds would have to be raised by the PTA/O. Susie Lazega supported Karen Woodward's statements.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>

7:35-7:45

#### COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION, FRAMEWORK & BREAKOUT

DEBORAH DANZIG

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The committees that were formed were done so based on a previous informal gathering within the community and information shared through the newly formed Yahooogroup. Questions and answers.</p>	
	<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	As the committees move forward, their discussions and findings should be posted to the Yahooogroup.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>

8:00-9:00

#### COMMITTEE BREAKOUT GROUPS

DEBORAH DANZIG

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Committees discussed ideas/feedback/questions/concerns/answers	

CONCLUSIONS	Groups Formed: Resources and Facilities (inside the building, land use, playground & church relationship), Transportation & Safety, Fundraising, Communication, Student Transition and School Spirit, After Care and Programming, Parent and Teacher and Skill Set Database.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Aftercare/After Programming Committee Lead	Elizabeth Mothershed, ekm9@cdc.gov	
Communications Committee Lead	Ida Centner, ida@centner.org	
Fundraising Committee Lead	Lynne Kushner, sikush@earthlink.net	
PTA/O Committee Lead	Jeff Woodward, jwoodward@stites.com	
Resources & Facilities Committee Lead:	Deborah Danzig, Deborah.danzig@yahoo.com Cameron Stoeckel, cameronstoeckel@comcast.net	
--Cafeteria	Teresa Groshans, <a href="mailto:teresagroshans@hotmail.com">teresagroshans@hotmail.com</a> Leslie Muscarella, lesliewm@comcast.net	
--Church Relationship	Mary Stouffer, mrs30306@bellsouth.net	
--Land Use Sub Committee Lead	Tim Langan, t_langan@hotmail.com Teresa Groshans, teresagroshans@hotmail.com	
--Library	Su Anderson, suyunganderson@hotmail.com Paige Cucchi, p_cucchi@comcast.net	
--Playground	Jenn Ballentine, jennballentine@gmail.com	
--Resources, includes Techonology	Guido Sacchi (Technology), guido@sacchinet.com Kate Hurley, hurley@math.gatech.edu	
Skill Set Committee Lead	Elizabeth Lieberman, erlieberman@yahoo.com	
Transportation & Safety Committee Lead	Mary Stouffer, mrs30306@bellsouth.net	
Vision Committee Lead	Beth Grella, bgrella@yahoo.com	
Conclusion and Next meeting date	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the PPG will be at Druid Hills United Methodist Church at 7PM on December 3, 2008.	

<b>OBSERVERS</b>	
<b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b>	
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	