

Facilities Facts – November 2010

Issue 7

Progress on the design of the new junior high school and the renovated and new elementary schools continued in November as the design team prepared for the final phase – construction documents. Everyone is invited to a Special Board of Education Meeting on Monday, November 29 at Mariemont High School. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM and will be held in Room C-20 just inside the front entrance.

Evans Landscaping is preparing the Fairfax Site for the new junior high school and Neyer Plumbing has begun work on the new septic system for Terrace Park Elementary to be located on Stanton Field. Modular bids have been received and Mobilease Modular Space Inc. was the low bidder. The modulares will be ready for students in time for the move which will occur during Spring Break. Transition teams that include parents, community members, and staff are meeting to finalize all of the details that must be addressed in order to prepare for the move in late March and early April. If you wish to be a part of the Mariemont or Terrace Park transition team please contact one of the elementary principals.

I am pleased to report that our project remains On Schedule and On Budget. The State of Ohio is promising significant budget cuts for public schools in Ohio, and while these cuts will be very difficult in Mariemont, matters would have been much worse if we were still draining money from our General Operating Fund to fix old buildings. Our community's vision and proactive approach to our facilities needs will save significant dollars for current and future generations.

THE TIMELINE

- November 2010 – Site work begins at all sites including geothermal wells
- February/March 2011 – Public bids accepted for all three projects
- June 2011 – Construction begins
- Fall 2012 – All three buildings complete in time for school to begin

THE TRANSITION

- Junior high students will remain in their current building until they occupy the new building in the fall of 2012
- Mariemont Elementary students will remain in the current building for most of the 2010/2011 school year and then will transition to a modular complex after spring break and remain in the modulares for the 2011/2012 school year. The modular complex will be located on the playfield behind the school.
- Terrace Park Elementary students will remain in the current building for most of the 2010/2011 school year and then will transition to a modular complex after spring break and remain in the modular for the 2011/2012 school year. The modular complex will be located on the T-Ball field adjacent to the current school.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

All community members are invited join one or more of the following teams:

- **Transition Teams** – Both Mariemont and Terrace Park Elementary Schools have formed transition teams to plan for the move to modular buildings and then into the new and renovated buildings. Contact the building principal if you are interested in serving on this team.
- **Programming Teams** – All three buildings have formed programming teams to design the new buildings. Contact the building principal if you are interested in serving on this team.
- **200 Foot Club** – We have formed a club for each building that will include all those residents who live near the buildings. We want feedback from our neighbors about the new buildings as well as the construction process. Please contact the building principal if you are interested in serving on this team.
- **Events Team** – This team will plan events during this process. Examples include groundbreaking, topping out, construction open houses and farewell events to our current buildings.

Please visit our website frequently to get the most up to date information and to provide your feedback. Thank you for your support of our schools and do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments.

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