

Madison School PTO Meeting  
September 3, 2015  
Official Minutes

1. Call to order at 2:05 9 (by Laura Tortorello and Mary Henneman)
  - Introductions
  
2. Keynote Speakers from the Board of Education; Jennifer Burns, Mridu Garg & Dr. Don White – discussing the facilities, strategic planning and future of the Hinsdale Middle School
  - a) Jennifer Burns – strategic planning of Hinsdale Middle School (HMS)
    - two focus groups are set up for residents to discuss the future possibilities of HMS (without district administrators or board members)
    - September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm –for parents of Hinsdale Elementary children who feed into HMS
    - September 22<sup>nds</sup> at 7:30pm – for current HMS parents and students
    - both focus groups will meet at the new District Administration office on 55<sup>TH</sup> Street (right by Jewel)
    - an additional survey will be distributed in October to all families in the district
  
  - b) Mridu Garg – discussing D181 facilities and specifically HMS
    - HMS was built in 1976 (with the capacity to hold 650 students)
    - Problems today facing HMS – over capacity, lack of instructional space, mold, and water damage
    - two options for the school – renovate or build a new building
    - the BOE has invited three architectural firms to create building and ground renditions of what they foresee the future sight and costs of HMS to be
    - the three proposals will be on display for the public to view:
      - September 8<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – at Hinsdale Middle School
      - September 10<sup>th</sup> – 1pm - at Hinsdale Public Library
      - September 10<sup>th</sup> - 7pm – at Clarendon Hills School
  
  - c) Dr. Don White
    - he has researched all possible options for a new property for HMS – ideally they need 10 to 14 acres of land to build (currently they have 7 acres)
    - there are no green spaces in Hinsdale or in nearby towns for a new school
    - research shows though that residents want to keep a potential new school on the same property
    - if they were to build a new school – it would take 2 to 3 years
    - they are proposing to build a new school on the exisiting school’s property but in the opposite corner, therefore not disrupting the current students
    - they think a new school would cost approximately 65 million dollars
  
3. Old Business
  - Approval of minutes from May 19, 2015
  - motion by Laura Tortorello and Mary Henneman – approved

Adjourn and dismissal at 3:06pm