

## Pleasant Grove Student Community Council Minutes – March 11, 2014

### Introductions

Rob Smith Alpine School District Superintendent.

Feedback has been taken into account and the plans have been amended. The District met with the Pleasant Grove City Council in December and now are working with the new council. Acquiring Battle Creek Park is something that has been proposed again, and the city is willing to consider it. The city got an appraisal for selling the whole park to the school. It came in a little high, so negotiations are still in the process. The city currently owns five acres of Battle Creek Park. The identity of the Park can still be maintained if we acquire it. DoTerra proposed to acquire the softball field. The city agreed, and it is now deeded to the school.

At a certain point, the District picked up some land by Battle Creek Park and traded land by the Recreation Center and the switch was not recorded. The District picked up the old tennis courts on the North park, and now have the part where Huck Finn Days was held for four more tennis courts. Fire access in the back south east corner is being considered through that neighborhood. There is debate over putting a road into the community east of the park, but for now the plans show the culdesac still in place with the current access. To keep the feeling of a park, the plan is to keep the Gazebo. Several things in the park may have to be moved, but the play set will also be preserved. The Band practice field is being maintained for the band, about an 80 yard field. Vince is fine with the smaller field.

Elevation changes will be on terraces to the tennis courts. Each amenity will be separate. Rob's daughter is in a wheelchair and it was difficult for them to get down those hills. The second map is the best solution. Parking should be put in the middle right by the band practice field to bring it closer to the venues. All tennis courts would be on the North. The city could schedule the tennis courts, but the management and maintenance of the tennis courts would be maintained by us. The tennis courts are primarily used by the community. As a 5A high school we need the tennis courts. The walking trail through the middle will remain and an outside track would take the pressure off the inside lane of the track in the new gym. There is not enough property along the south fence for a trail because of the baseball field being so close to the property line.

Any time there is a new hard surface, as with the parking lot, new water issues will arise and have to have drains and or water retention. The run off will probably tie into the existing drains. They are already over the budget for this project. The board sets the scope and takes it to the board and then it goes to bid. If the bids come in low, more things can be included. The budgets often have to be juggled. Pleasant Grove is one of the best cities to work with. They brought the Rec Center up from the city center so the high school could have better access to it.

The new gym can be sunk. By pushing the building back to the east it will be far enough away from the canal ditch that the ditch doesn't have to be moved. The new gym design offers advantages in supervision, the inside track, and usability of the space. It is a very good solution. It is going out to bid right now. 45 days from now is the target on getting the gym started. Concessions will be in the entry way, there will be storage and locker rooms in the base floor. When students are in the gym they usually stay for class because going up is more difficult. On the top level there are three class rooms, a cheer or dance room and a spin room. A wall between the two can be opened up on the back main floor. The ceiling is high. The dance room should probably get wood floors. More square footage ads more cost. Office space for the coaches could be one of the classrooms. Feedback from some of the teachers on getting office space made from one of the classrooms, as at West Lake, was considered. What is the functional space we need? We can't have everything but the priorities for the students and community are taken into account. How can we build a facility for the 5A schools that are similar. The old buildings were build over 60 years ago. The school board has avoided going into debt so it is being conservative. Lehi, AF and PG and a new high school will have a bond proposed to finish off and build these schools, but it will be conservative.

Based on a financing plan, the new wrestling gym, at this point, would be smaller than what PG has right now. For the size of the wrestling program here, accommodations are not being made. The standards are equalized as much as possible across the district. Rob feels the consistency across multiple schools has to be maintained. The second phase of the gyms depends on how the bond is received in 2016. An official decision has not been made. Eventually a whole new school needs to be built. The auditorium is not big enough. It needs to be rebuilt, larger, safer. There are four phases. First was the track and stadium. Second was the entry way and offices. Third is the new gym. Fourth is the rest of the old building being taken down and replaced. It is in the fourth phase that the new wrestling gym will be built.

The bond that was approved was about 8 million. The architects proposed amount for the completion of the new gym is about 10 million, but it will depend on how the bids come in. The review committee is four members. Community members being too involved in the process makes it harder to please everyone. The needs of the individuals. Rob has a stewardship to the entire Alpine School District, so the review is kept to the same four. The classrooms on the top floor of the gym could maybe be used as a fitness room or offices. The classroom space is needed too.

We want to get some great things done with this project. We want to do what is needed for PGHS. The next wrestling gym is going to be a different space, but there will be more gyms to use. We have the right to use some of the rooms at the Rec Center during school hours. We may not need the Rec Center after the new gym is done being built. Men's tennis this spring will probably be able to get finished up on the old tennis courts. The new gym and tennis courts will maybe be finished in the fall.

Brian Halladay -

Thanked Rob for his presentation. The Building and Grounds Committee is being as efficient as possible with the budget given. As a board they are discussing what is going on with the DCC committee stage test. All the students from third grade on up are going to be taking these computer tests. Written by AIR American Institutes for Research, they will test the students on Utah Core Standards. They are a large behavioral research center. Test Results will be going to servers and then to the State. When they get a question right it will go on to a harder question, if they get it wrong, it will go on to an easier question. Once they take these tests, the schools tests scores will go down, and the state has to figure out what the baseline is. The test is designed so the students can't get a perfect score. There are privacy concerns about how the information is used. AIR.org has information on over 60 years of behavioral research. Ferpal law changes to help protect the student's rights. Consider looking into what these tests impact. There is an opt out web form. Then the student will get the lowest proficiency score on the test, a zero. Brian wants us to be aware of his concerns about this test. 4:00 today there is a meeting about these tests. 801-376-6611, Brian's cell phone.

Contract is on the Utah State office of education website along with comments from board. AIR seems a conflict of interest. The test results are going to be coming back to the schools and students to form their curriculum.