
McClymonds HS Project Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Notes for Sept 6th, 2022

Meeting participants: Jared Spencer, Shonnell Frost-Gibbs, Milton Reynolds, Chris Nguon, Jeffrey Taylor, Assata Abudgala, Nicole Wells, Joshua Jackson, Jumoke Hinton, Wanda Stewart, Eia Gardner, Cristina Stone, David Colbert, Tiffany Knuckles, Shonda Scott, Ginale Harris (Parent), Shonnell Frost-Gibbs and Ray Bermudez.

Check in Question – What are some venues that are coming up where we can engage with more parents about the project? – Ray Bermudez

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS & STATEMENTS:

Q: (RB) We have a short presentation for you all today, we'll start with introducing yourself and us your name, your role and any events that may be coming up that we may be able to pick up more parents for our committee as we get ready for the next stage of this project.

A: (J.T.) Jeffrey Taylor and I am the Principal of McClymond's, we have back to school night schedule September 28th.

S: (J.J.) Hi, I'm Josh Jackson from Perkins Eastman the bridging architects hope everybody's staying cool I think it's a good lesson about what we can do to cool off McClymonds.

S: (C.S.) Hi, I'm Christina stone. I'm the Senior Project Engineer on this project and I am sitting in the dark with the fan on because it's so hot outside.

A: (T.N.) Hello everyone, my name is Tiffany Knuckles. I'm the Community Relations Liaisons with 360 Total Concept. We are the district's new local business compliance team we do have an event coming up on the 28th of this month but I'm going to let Shonnell talk about that a little bit later. Happy to see everyone on the call tonight.

S: (N.W.) Good evening everybody, my name is Nicole Wells, I am the district Project Manager for Facilities over this project. Thank you all for being here.

A: (S. F-G.) I'm Shonnell Frost-Gibbs with 360 Total Concept, Tiffany and I will be speaking about an upcoming Matchmaking event. As a parent of a 9th grader, I think a good way to recruit is maybe by possibly recruiting at sporting events like football games where there is little bit more parent participation.

A: (C.N.) Good evening everybody, I am in transition my name is Chris and I am a McClymonds alum class of 03. I appreciate as always for being a community with everybody. I don't know the prompt but I heard about possible engagement and I am willing to rainstorm about that.

A: (R.B) Welcome back Chris welcome, the prompt was about any venues that are coming up where we can recruit more parents, we would definitely like to have more parents involved going into this next phase of project. For example, I was at a couple of National Night out events in West Oakland and we picked up some signatures, We also participated in McClymonds registration with Nicole picked up a few names, so any other additional venues where we could pick up participation from parents. We've talked about sporting events in the past and I think that's a great suggestion Shonnell and that's something that we can plan going forward.

A: (M.C.) Hello everyone, my name is Misty Cross. I'm an alum from 99 and I would I would suggest utilizing the ParenSquare and sending that information out to the parents, usually parents get that information very quickly. The district has been utilizing it for other means as well as updating the McClymonds' website so that you can have those meetings and those engagements on there as well, I notice that is outdated and it doesn't have a lot of things on there to where parents can't get engaged. I think if we start there, updating the website so that folks can see how to get engaged when meetings occur. The McClymonds alumni picnic is coming up on the 24th, so if there's some flyers with a QR code, folks can get involved that way as well.

A: (R.B.) Yes ma'am, I am planning on being there on the 24th and to have more alumni to participate in our project. Misty let me ask, do you have a child at McClymonds?

A: (M.C.) No I do not have a child at McClymonds.

Q: (R.B) I only ask because we did use a Parent Square message for the larger engagement events and I'm wondering if parents saw it. I'm wondering if that's a venue that is successful and if it didn't work then why not. I'm also wondering if there are other venues that we can use to get parent participation.

A: (C.N.) I know it was mentioned already I heard but really the McClymonds Alumni Picnic later on this month at De Fermery Park in really where all the in rows and networking to the Mac family happens.

Q: (R.B.) Are you planning on being there?

A: (C.N.) Oh, definitely.

S: (R.B.) I think that if we could get maybe a few folks to come out and table with me that would be great. It's always great for alumni to hear from other community members that are involved, and it's good to be invited to these meetings by other community members. We can organize something to see who's interested in being out there in and what time. I was out during the National Night Out with a couple of our project community members including Jumoke and Ms. Miller and so that that's always great to have

this group represent in the community to pitching to other community member to be part of this project committee.

Community Update – Nicole Wells

Good evening everybody, I'm doing a quick recap of the progress of this project. There was minimal activity on site over the summer.

- We had the Geo technical consultants out there and they completed their sampling, and we are waiting for the Geotech report which should be showing up any day now.
- We are now entering into the RFQ/RFP process for our Design-Build Entity. To refresh, the project delivery method for this modernization is Design/Built, meaning that we are going after a general contractor and architect team who will team up to take all the work that we have done over this almost a year and everything that Perkins compiled with the Bridging Documents. If awarded the projects, they will design and then construct.
- We have our Bridging Documents from Perkins.
- We're going to get the Geotech reports sometime this week.
- The Facilities Department is going live with the first advertisement, which is the request for qualifications on September 21st.
- What we are asking is for the entity to submit to us a bunch of things that show us that they are qualified to handle a project of this size. So some of those qualifications would be K-12 construction and design experience, experience on Design-Build as a delivery method, experience on projects of this size and by this size we mean budget of this size. We will also be looking at their company capacity and their company safety record. Those are some of things that we're looking for in the qualification packages.
- They have about a month to put together their qualification package, so we're anticipating around the end of October to have these qualification packages.
- We will then evaluate them, short list them, interview firms and then those who are qualified, who have demonstrated that they have the qualifications will be invited to give us proposals.
- Just those entities will be given the Bridging Documents and the full scope and idea of everything that we want, which then they will be given another month to put proposals together. The firms will then start to design and price out everything they think will fit into this budget within the parameters of what we have asked.
- We expect that to happen around mid-November and proposals to be due around mid-December, we are hoping to award this project in January and potentially get to the board meeting the contract for the Design Build entity in February or late January.
- With this current timeline, we will go live September 21st and then the Match Making Event will be September 28th.
- Those are part of our efforts to reach out to you know qualified firms, our local subcontractors, and people so that they can get involved in this project.
- Shonnell is going to speak more to that.

I will pause in case anybody has any questions just about the timeline.

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S:(W.S.) *Hi, my name is Wanda Stuart an interested community member. I would just like to offer one observation about the event invitation and I see in the chat that we're talking about. I got it. I was very glad to get it but I didn't understand what I had gotten. There wasn't a definition of Match Making or what that means or even sort of what that process is. There were a couple other terms like that and I who've been at all of the meeting didn't really understand what that flyer was telling. I just want to offer what I hope is constructive criticism about the actual flyer, there is a lot of language and words right. For folks who don't read it at 12th grade reading level and even maybe most of our parents don't, so engaging the community in and around West Oakland should be a language that everybody could read, speak and received. I would also add that it may need a little bit of hipness in terms of graphics. One of my things is marketing and I would just ask you to look at that before we add other ways to promote what we're trying to do.*

Project Matchmaking Workshop Review - Shonnell Frost-Gibbs

Thank you, Ms. Stewart, for your feedback.

- To explain a little bit more about the actual Match Making event, the objective is to help me and potentially increase the districts local business utilization goal for this project.
- OUSD's Facilities and Management department are hosting a virtual match making session and the match making session is for firms to meet with small local design firms and subcontractors for possible teaming opportunity.
- We'll have an introduction by an OUSD Board Member to welcome everybody then the Deputy Chief of Facilities, Tadashi, as well as Executive Director of Facilities, Kenya Chapman, will provide the bond program overview. Nicole who is the Program Manager will provide an actual overview of the project.
- That will take us into the Match Making Session, which is a virtual breakout session where each prime will have the opportunity to meet individually for 15 minutes you've retake with other primes or architectural firms and even subcontractors who are interested in working on the project.
- They will be given the chance to present information about their company and exchange information with the hopes of being selected to work on the project.
- I believe everyone on this meeting has received an invite, if not Tiffany or I will include the link in the chat. All are welcome to join the informative portion of this meeting which will take place on September 28th during the first 30 minutes of the meeting prior to the actual breakout sessions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Tiffany or myself now.

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Q: (R.B.) So Shonnell, if we have community members that can serve as a subcontractor, what would the process be for them to be qualified as a contractor and be able to work in this project?

A: (S.G-F.) *We will have Juanita Hunter with OUSD be there to explain the pre-qualification process to become prequalified with OUSD as a prime and or to be pre-qualified as a subcontractor. You must be pre-qualified before performing any work. If they are not currently qualified to work on an OUSD project, this would be the meeting where primes and sub-contractors can attend to learn about the qualification process. If you are not able to attend, it will be recorded and posted on the District's Local Business webpage.*

S: (N.W.) Just answering Misty's question from earlier, we are working on updating the project website and all this will be there.

Q: (G.H.) My name is Ginale Harris and I'm a parent at McClymonds High School and I have had a lot of difficulty with getting some of this information that is going out to the parents. There's a group of us that I've organized, and we don't get any information regarding this. We communicate with the administration who believes that they don't have to respond to us or talk to us. It's very frustrating because we want to be involved in this process, our children attend this school, and we want to be involved in this process. We are being shut out and left out by people who work there and so I would like just to note that for the record. How can we communicate with someone who will give us this information for these meetings?

A: (R.B.) *If you can put your email address on the chat, I will directly send all the invitations to you and so if you also have some folks that you would like me to include, feel free to add their emails. I don't know if you are here for the beginning of the meeting but that's how we started the meeting, I really want more participation from families, not only at McClymonds but we're also looking for families from West Oakland Middle and other feeder schools. If you have some folks that you know from those schools that may want to give us there their feedback on what they would like for the future of McClymonds, we would like to hear from them. Those are the children that will be attending McClymonds in the next few years.*

S (G.H.) *I don't think the problem is getting the parents because there are plenty of parents that want to get involved but nobody is communicating with them about these meetings. We're being told that something is there, or we're not being told anything. I went to the school physically a couple of times and spoke to Mr. Taylor who is the principal and he never responds to any of my emails. The counselor there doesn't even have a schedule there, so I don't know when these people are available to talk to. I do know that I have asked over and over to get information about these meetings and I am not getting them, I was late today because I was not invited to this meeting as well and ParentSquare is sending messages after these meetings are over.*

A: (R.B.) My name is Ray Bermudez and I have sent out ParentSquare messages through the district which contains all of my contact information. I will put my email in the chat.

A: (N.W.) I have put Ray's email and my email on it, I will also put the link to the project page on the chat as well.

A: (R.B.) I normally send out the meeting minutes with the Powerpoint presentations and at the end of this presentation you have all the contact information from everybody at Facilities, which is who we represent.

S: (G.H.) I have been looking for a contact for Facilities because my son is a 9th grader so he'll be there for the next 4 years, but I did a lot of research on the school and I cannot get any communication or participation from the staff who work there.

S: (R.B.) We definitely want more parents and so any parents you can send our way would be great. Our meetings take place on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6 o'clock. We're meeting at this time every month, so we'll make sure to get all that information to you all. Thank you for being here.

Q: (J.T.) Ms. Harris, are you not getting the ParentSquare messages?

A: (G.H.) I'm getting the messages Sir but I'm getting them after the fact. I believe I emailed you and regards to the SSC Meeting and I got it at 6:21 PM and the meeting was at 5 o'clock and so I'm like how are they sending these meetings out and it's after the fact. I haven't received anything other in regards to a meeting of any kind from ParentSquare.

S: (J.T.) I will check into that but we sent out messages last week on Thursdays, it needs to be posted 72 hours before the meeting. The first message went out last Thursday so you should have gotten that.

S: (G.J.) I understand but Mr. Taylor I sent you an email and you do not respond Sir.

A: (J.T.) I've called you multiple times, but you can call me in the morning.

S: (R.B.) Thank you Ms. Harris for raising your concern, at this point we have your contact information, and you will receive the invitation directly from me, let's go ahead and continue the meeting. Ms. Stewart, you had your hand up, please give us your question.

Q: (W.S.) Thank you Ginale for that, know that all the folks on the screen want involved parents like you and it can be really hard to go to be in schools and even get to your email, it's not an excuse I'm not even offering it up. Just to say we can work together to do this across all the different constituencies and really engage parents. Shonnell, I want to apologize for the way in which I criticized this. I gotta tell you, I like it it's pretty, I see it well developed and professional but when I read it I wasn't sure what was being asked of me as a person that was engaged with it right. As a virtual

outreach match making, I didn't understand what that was. I read about match and making and I wasn't sure on what was going on. The word primes was used and I was like what's a prime and what's a project lead, what project are we talking about? The district knows, and Ray you backed me on this, that whenever we've been doing these community engagement meetings, and I was on the Central Kitchen one, we know that we have to bring new people in like Ginale, that we have to do an overview, that we gotta make sure everybody understands what we're doing. I just suggest that the language on this, like where it talks about a prime, what am I supposed to do with that? I'm not a prime.

A: (N.W.) *We sent it to everybody on the committee because we want you guys to know what we're doing out here. We always want you guys to be informed on both ends on what we're doing.*

S: (W.S.) *That clarification is really helpful, but I can't speak this language and so I probably don't need to have to go to another meeting, yay!*

S: (G.H.) *No, not yay. We can break it down to what the language means. I'm not a contractor but I know a lot about building because my dad was a carpenter and so I feel that we should still meet so we can have an input on what happens with McClymonds. There are a lot of things that I have investigated that are not right there and nobody is speaking about it and this is an opportunity for us to fix it.*

S: (W.S.) *Ray, this is the kind of parent that we've been trying to get who will rally the other people to do meaningful community engagement instead of the variety we're all tempted to do that checks the box. Thank you for keeping us on this, I get it, I understand it, and even inspires confidence in me in the professionalism that the project can do. Ray you gotta go back and really bring the parents in and really bring the kids in.*

A: (R.B.) *I have been trying.*

S: (G.H.) *We have a whole football field of parents that we just had a meeting with Friday and not any of the administrators showed up to this meeting and we were told that they had something else to do but I investigate too and that wasn't the case.*

Q: (W.S.) **What kind of meeting was it Ginale?**

S: (G.H.) *It was a parent meeting for the people whose children play football at McClymonds High School. Let it be known that we are organizing parents and we need parent voices because we are not getting the response from the district, we are not getting a response from the administration that work here and our children go here, and we have the right to be allies.*

A: (R.B.) *Ginale, I will personally contact you so we can plan on how we can get more parents involved for our next meeting. For our next meeting, we could do a review of where we are and so we can map out what the next phases of these projects are going to be like so that parents can catch up and be, you know, be right where we need to be. There's going to be plenty of opportunity for parents to give us*

their feedback on what are some of the specific things that you would like for your children at McClymonds to give them the best opportunities.

S: (G.H.) *I just want to say that we have to recognize that McClymonds is a historical black high school and we need to make sure that it stays open for our children.*

S: (A.A.) *This is Assata Abudgala, I don't want to take up too much time, but I'm very encouraged with the participation today and I hope it continues to grow. I have two concerns, one is the lack of urgency around safety and health issues at McClumonds. With 60 million dollars available through Measure Y and with the agenda saying that we're going to start any physical work by 2024, that is absurd. We have things like seismic control, we have lead, we have other things like boilers and water issues that can immediately be put on the agenda to fix. You don't have to wait to get inventory of the of the contractors and the developers, you can work on spending some money to do these health and safety issues. Lastly, I saw a Nightline program a couple of days ago with 64% of African Americans of this country's children can't swim. We have a swimming pool at McClymonds that has never been used. The fact that this is considered a health emergency, that black children learn how to swim, it should be a high priority for making a functional swimming pool so that black children can learn to swim. Thank you for the time.*

Q: (J.H.) **There's a labor committee of the NAACP and Stanley Cooper wanted to make sure they were invited to the Match Making Event. I was just making sure that all of the labor chambers were invited to this event.**

A: (S.G-F.) *Yes they're on our list and I spoke to Stanley today.*

S: (R.B.) *So the opportunity is for contractors that wish to work in the construction of this project. This is a great event coming up, so if you know anyone that may be interested, please pass the information along. I will be sending out all this information to everyone, a copy of the meeting notes, a copy of the presentation which will have all the information about the event and all of our contact information. If you know anyone interested in working in this project, this is an opportunity for folks in West Oakland to get involved with this project. Thank you Ginale for being with us, we really want more parents involved in this committee going forward.*

Q: (G.H.) **Does McClymonds have their own Community Engagement Specialist?**

A: (J.T.) *No we do not, we have a Community Schools Manager, her name is La'Cole Martin.*

S: (G.H.) *I will be sending an email to Ray and including Principal Taylor and I will be including other parents.*

S: (R.B.) *Thank you and thank you to everyone for investing your time with us today. Principal Taylor, I will be in contact with you to talk about tabling during your Back to School Night on September 28th. Our next Project Advisory Meeting will be on Oct. 4th.*