

To:	Mr. Raul Porras– AmSA BoT Chair
From:	Dr. Lisa C. Mobley
Re:	ED Report for July 27, 2023 Meeting
Date	July 24, 2023

**Building Project Update**

**Loop Road**

The project is moving along, with the retaining wall being finished today, Monday, July 24. Construction will continue with completing the areas of the road that are not tied into the waterline project. The waterline project relates to the new building. The City has determined that we will need two lines, one for fire suppression and one for typical water use. These two lines will run in the same trench and conduit. However, they will need to tie into the City supply and have a larger diameter pipe. This change from the original project will increase the cost slightly. There will be more information on this soon. Areas of the road that relate to this may need to be delayed, but the construction company has a solid plan if completion still needs to be done by the start of school.

**New Building**

There are several meetings regarding the new building that will occur this week. Monday, July 24, 2023, we will appear before the planning board to merge the lots to build the new building. Tuesday, the site plan review should be signed off pending the issue with identifying the old water line that was capped on the property a long time ago is resolved.

We received several” good news” items over the past two weeks. First, the initial soil testing came out very positive, and second, the City was able to push through the first part of the building permit so that AMSA will not be subjected to any new building codes, which may have delayed the project or caused cost changes.

The construction managers/architects are receiving many requests for information regarding the project—these RIFs close today, Monday, July 24, 2023. The bids should then be coming in. The rough guaranteed maximum price will be together around August 25, 2023, with the final GMP to the board on September 11, 2023. The finance committee will have access to the rough GMP and will work with the ED and the Construction managers to ensure the best outcome for AMSA.

**Capital Projects**

Liana and Eric have worked on a spreadsheet identifying AMSA’s capital projects. They will work together to finalize this and create a priority list. Finance will review this at the next meeting and present it to the BOT at the August 31, 2023, special meeting. The goal is to inform the BoT of our financial obligations regarding the existing structures to assist them in making their decision on whether or not to commit to the new building.

Recently, the daycare flooded for a second time. Liana and I inspected the situation with Sean and she will work with Sean and Eric to cost out a permanent fix to this situation.

**Negotiations**

We continue to work with the Academic Department chairs to negotiate their contract.



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## **Reporting Obligations**

Sara Snow and the team completed the Annual Report, which is being presented on July 27, 2023, to the full board. Sara will be starting to organize for the charter renewal soon. The report for the portion of tuition that AMSA receives under the Student Opportunities Act was completed and submitted last week. Ellen prepared the bulk of the report and then it was finalized by me. After reviewing the work that AMSA has done, the remaining goals will be around the continued support of our English Language Learners, Students who may continue to demonstrate COVID gaps and professional development for AMSA educators in the area of supporting all learners. Liana has begun the audit process. Our registrar Linda is busy finalizing registrations and working with our families and Lynn is busy working on transportation.

## **Handbook Highlight**

Our Deans, Dan and Anthony, have worked on the handbook to clarify student policies that relate to student discipline. They did a really nice job! Our Vice Principal, who focuses on student life, has proposed the implementation of class dues. The benefit of class dues is that families who need financial assistance can apply for it, and each class will have a pot of money to use for some of their senior activities/responsibilities. Since we are moving to a class dues system, we will no longer charge for dress-down days. We will still have them all, but now every student will have the ability to participate.

## **ED Community Involvement**

I have been very busy internally getting up to speed with the construction projects and meeting our staff. In addition I have been involved with the PTO and attended their uniform sale as well as spending time with the MCPSA learning more about the charter world.