

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School APC Board

Facility Committee Report for October, 2011 Meeting

On October 21st the Committee met. Members Ernie Hetrick, Jennifer Schmidt and Chris Whittington-Evans were present. Board Liason, Michelle Niland, teleconferenced into the meeting.

The agenda primarily focused on programming and plans for the upcoming Open House. Displays, fliers and a questionnaire were discussed and their production delegated. The objective of the Open House was to invite participants to learn about long term facility challenges and opportunities and solicit their input. Ms. Schmidt offered to have chairs and tables moved to the gym for the event.

On October 28th the Committee hosted a four hour Open House to exchange information with the Fronteras Community concerning our current and future facilities. Location, enrollment size, facility and site options and priorities were on display. Members of the Facility Committee informally presented information, answered questions and encouraged participants to fill out questionnaires.

Approximately 60 people attended the Open House, including students, teachers and staff, parents and invited policy makers. Assemblyman Colver and his wife attended and spoke with Committee members about the possibilities and favorable political climate.

Questionnaires from the meeting were made available afterward at the front desk and online as downloads thru the website. Interested parties were encouraged to complete and submit the poll thru October 17th.

Input gathered through this process is being used to create a building program and conceptual floor plan for our new school. These and other specifications will be included in a Request For Proposal document to be drafted in the coming weeks by the School District procurement officer and attorney.

Fronteras is extremely fortunate to have this opportunity for our future. The procurement of our new facility stands to become a model for charter schools throughout the Mat Su Borough School District. Our cooperation and active participation with the process will yield an outcome that ensures the vitality and longevity of our school for years to come.

The Facility Committee will update the Fronteras APC Board and community as progress dictates.