

**Parent's Advisory Council  
Location: Board Room**

**Date: November 6, 2008**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion/Notes
Welcome and announcement of Rio Rancho High School recipient of ACT College Readiness Recognition	Superintendent	Copies of Press Release were available for the committee. RRHS is one of only 10 New Mexico public and private schools to be recognized this year.
Dress Code	Tonna Burgos, Exec. Director of Student Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee was formed to review the dress code policy. First meeting held Oct. 23, 2008. Reviewed current dress code with committee. The policy refers to 'uniforms' vs. 'dress code' so we will need to change that. Concerns expressed by the group were inconsistency at K-12 as well as inconsistency with enforcement of the dress code by teaching staff.</li> <li>▪ Next meeting is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to join or refer additional names for the committee, please do so. Option to join will end with this next meeting.</li> <li>▪ There will be 2 public forums as well as surveys so that we can hear from the community</li> <li>▪ Plan to take recommendations to the Board no later than March, 2009</li> </ul>
High School Update	Al Sena, Exec. Director of Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cleveland HS is over 416,000 square feet</li> <li>▪ 12 buildings total on campus</li> <li>▪ Most are from 60 – 80% complete at this time</li> <li>▪ Should have water at the site by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>; other utilities by Thanksgiving</li> <li>▪ Bids have been accepted for furnishings and technology packages</li> <li>▪ Over all, things are moving along very well</li> <li>▪ Tour of the facility for this committee will be <b>January 8, 2008 at 3:30pm</b>. We will meet at the district office then transport to the site</li> </ul>

<p>Questions from the Group Regarding CHS</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does CHS compare in size to RRHS? <i>About the same. RRHS is a 'cluster' vs. small college campus feel at CHS.</i></li> <li>2. Has solar energy been considered at all? <i>Yes, but not really at quality of return for investment at this time. We will be utilizing geo thermal power for parking and other areas however.</i></li> <li>3. Status of the roads? <i>We are hopeful the city will meet this deadline.</i></li> </ol>
<p>Concern about Early Practices</p>	<p>Superintendent</p>	<p>Not sure what real issue is with this – didn't get much information but we can bring up again if needed. The group shared comments that this is primarily a time management and commitment issue.</p>
<p>Challenges with Opening CHS</p>	<p>Superintendent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are making every effort but can't say that it's definite that CHS will open due to budget issues. Letter from Senator Timothy Jennings explains the need to be prepared for more reduction in funding.</li> <li>▪ RRPS has not had state funding for the opening of new schools since 1999; however, we are still waiting to hear from the state on OMNIBUS funding which could provide some assistance</li> <li>▪ This has been the most difficult financial year since we started as a district – mandates from the state without funding has made it very difficult</li> <li>▪ The state is asking that we consider cutting back on things like fine arts, PE, athletics, high school graduation requirements, etc. We don't agree with this thinking and will do what we can to avoid these types of cuts. We will need support of parents and the community to keep these program.</li> <li>▪ If CHS doesn't open, RRHS will be frightfully crowded, but if the unit value is cut this year, RRPS will have to do a reduction in force</li> </ul> <p>Questions/Comments from the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If CHS doesn't open, it wouldn't be fair for those kids regarding their schedules, etc.</li> </ul> <p><i>We would start all over with registration for ALL students.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We will continue to keep the group informed as we go through the year.</li> <li>▪ From Sandia Vista: would like to express thanks for how the school and district responded to the safety concerns at the school. Very pleased with how this was handled! Also – early bussing issues – very pleased with changes that have occurred.</li> <li>▪ Is there a finishing date for the MLK cafeteria? <i>Would have to confirm with facilities, but hearing possibly by Thanksgiving.</i></li> </ul>

<p>Science EXPO vs. Research Project</p>	<p>Carl Leppelman, Assoc. Superintendent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A change was made this year at the high school level due to ISEF requirements. It used to be optional for students not going to EXPO to have projects cleared through the Science Review Committee.</li> <li>▪ Recommendation will be made to go back to how it was done before</li> <li>▪ Mr. Leppelman has requested something in writing from MVMS principal regarding kids not being penalized for not having enough time – asking for consistent date</li> <li>▪ We need to look at current curriculum – the standards don't necessarily have to be done through research projects</li> </ul> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issues with time frame with SRC. Kids not getting projects approved in time to make the other deadlines</li> <li>▪ Seems to really be geared toward physics and engineering ONLY</li> </ul>
<p>Schools Represented:</p>		<p>Maggie Cordova Elementary Rio Rancho Elementary Rio Rancho High School MLK Elementary Rio Rancho Mid High Shining Stars Preschool Sandia Vista Elementary Mountain View Middle School Enchanted Hills Elementary</p>
<p><b>Cleveland High School Field Trip</b></p> <p><b>January 8, 2009 3:30 pm</b></p>		<p><b>Tour of Cleveland High School (Meet at RRPS Board Room then transport from there)</b></p>