

**Pine-Richland High School  
Expansion Project Committee  
Met on November 19, 2007 @ 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Dr. James Manley and Dr. Bille Rondinelli welcomed the group.**

**Dr. Rondinelli discussed Trends in school Facility Planning and distributed two related research-based articles.**

**Dr. Manley provided an overview of the current projected housing plans and developments in Pine and Richland Townships. Discussion included the potential impact re: student population growth. Student growth, the design space of future educational needs, and senior educational opportunities led to the introduction of a community-based Public/Private Partnership presentation.**

**Community members Gary Hitechew, Dr. Paul Nussbaum, Sharon Scheidemantle, Donna Merritt, and Donna Stephenson reviewed the relevance of how a Public/Private partnership connects to both the District's strategic plan and community.**

- **Dr. Nussbaum reviewed benefits that will enhance the community include educational space, wellness/athletic space, on-site internship possibilities, and a campus environment that will promote senior transition experience just prior to entering an actual collegiate environment.**
- **Mr. Hitechew discussed the fiscal benefits of a lease agreement arrangement as being both short and long term.**
- **Sharon Scheidemantle shared information relative to real-estate growth, property availability, and project development.**
- **Donna Merritt provided an initial, very basic design concept in accordance with the size of a particular land parcel in order to conceptually envision a structure of what the abstract ideas might represent.**
- **Donna Stephenson reinforced that community interest in lease space exists and cited a local pre-school as an interested partner. Additionally, Mrs. Stephenson discussed the merit of having additional athletic field space and the personal and economic advantages to hosting athletic and other events in the community.**

**Dr. Manley referenced the district's *Transformational Blueprint* and the vision for the senior transition building in relation to personalized learning student opportunities.**

**Dr. Rondinelli then introduced and distributed group discussion questions. Committee members interacted and generated a variety of questions relative to the Public/Partnership concept.**

**The next meeting date was set for December 17 @ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the DeWitt Board Room.**

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.**

