

Communications Committee
Royal Oak Middle School Transition Team
Progress Report to Royal Oak School Board
2/8/07

The four task teams of the Royal Oak Middle School Transition Team continue to work at a feverous pace for the upcoming merging of our two current middle schools Addams/Keller. Our job as the Communications Task Team is to help keep the Royal Oak Community informed of the progress of all teams (School Spirit, Student Activities, Safety, Beautification and Communications)

The last few months have been very busy one's for all of the task teams. Some are winding down and will join other task teams to help them focus on their upcoming plans and events. Below is a status of all our task teams.

Safety Task Team:

1. Team members have met with Art Watson from Transportation to propose a bus pattern with drop offs for buses and a separate drop off for parent drivers
2. Applied for AED grants and awaiting for awards to be given out
3. Was presented with information that the entire building (hallways only) will be under remote video surveillance by the Board Office, Fire & Police Departments
4. Security will be similar to Upton Elementary; ID swipe entry at designated doors; ROMS can be placed in lock down mode by the push of a button

Spirit Task Team:

1. This team has been actively selling ROMS spirit wear at most Middle School public functions. Their last sale will be held at the Addams MS Parent/Teacher conferences on March 15th.
2. The Spirit Team has provided the labeling identification for the new ROMS (Bulldogs; Red-Black-White school colors; Fight Song)
3. After the March 15th last sale, the Spirit Team will turn over to the new ROMS PTSA (once it has been formed) all the information for the spirit wear.

School Activities Task Team:

1. Proposed the following offsite field trips:
 - a) 6th grade outdoor camp in the Fall
 - b) 8th grade Washington DC trip in May
 - c) For 7th grade in the school year 200-2008 only, outdoor camp in the Spring
2. After school activities will be varied for students in grades 6-8.
 - a) Competitive athletics in grades 7 and 8
 - b) After-school programs will include but not be limited to: intramural sessions in volleyball, basketball, football skills, gymnastics and floor hockey.
 - c) Clubs will include Homework Club, National Junior Honor Society, Future Cities, Model UN, Chess Club and others.

- d) Students will be given an orientation to all after-school programs during the first few days of school and schedules of offerings will be sent home to all parents

Beautification Task Team:

1. Working on planning-includes layout for the grounds; striving for a warm and inviting appearance combining beauty with low maintenance
2. Inviting local experienced gardeners as Barb Blakemore and other community members to work on this project.
3. Striving for our students to be stakeholders in their school by teaming up with local mural artist Shannon Hulswit to create student-designed spaces that will provide a glimpse of the kind of student pride that will permeate the facility.

Communications Task Team:

1. Our team continues to update the ROMS Transition Team Website monthly-with new questions or updates to existing questions (ex. Will ROMS be finished on time)
2. Continue to offer communications to the Royal Oak Community as needed

I have only touched on a fraction of the work that has been done by these teams. We continue to strive to make ROMS a model Middle School to be copied by other districts throughout the State of Michigan. Our next meeting will be held on February 15, 2007. Our agenda will be for our groups to continue mapping out their time line tasks for the months from February through September 2007. With of course the highlight being the opening of ROMS in the fall of 2007.

Respectfully submitted:

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