

Port Neches-Groves Independent School District
Title I Parent Advisory Council
Minutes of the Meeting: November 10, 2015
Location: West Groves Education Center

- Dr. Brenda Duhon, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction/Technology, welcomed the committee and introduced Dr. Rodney Cavness, PNGISD Superintendent. Dr. Cavness presented an overview of the recent facilities study completed of the district's six elementary campuses .

- Dr. Cavness explained the points listed below to the committee.
 - ✓ The school board asked Dr. Cavness to form a committee to complete a facility study of the 6 elementary campuses located in Groves and Port Neches. This committee was composed of school administrators, teachers and other district employees along with members from the business community and stakeholders from both cities.
 - ✓ The facilities committee received the results of a demographic study which included reports of building capacity required for district students along with the number of students located in each city.
 - ✓ After 10 months of study, the committee concluded that while the physical appearance of the district's aging buildings is good, the infrastructure is beyond repair.
 - ✓ After much discussion, the committee suggested the following:
 - 1) Demolish all 6 elementary schools
 - 2) Build two PreK-5 elementary schools in each city – the location of the campuses to be determined at a later date
 - 3) Keep the names Ridgewood, Woodcrest, Van Buren and Taft

- Dr. Cavness also discussed funding resources for the proposed campuses. He stated the district has been involved in a 2-year negotiation process with TOTAL resulting from a major expansion at the plant site. An agreement will hopefully be ratified in the near future. If this agreement is ratified, 85% of the cost of new schools will be covered. This will leave the district funding 15% of these costs through a possible bond. If the TOTAL agreement is approved in the near future, the school board will vote on calling for a bond election in May, 2016. If the agreement has not been ratified by February, the bond election will be postponed to a later date.

- The next two meeting dates are:
 - Tuesday, March 8, 2016
 - Thursday, June 2, 2016 (Luncheon Meeting @ a time TBA)

The meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room #2 of the West Groves Education Center. A meeting notice will be emailed or mailed to committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted by *Mary Jarrell*