

MA (Cont. from 1)

Principal Richardson. He said he would send a conceptual option for consideration, comments, and

input from the board and parents. Beasley said the county is willing to support this option and wants to move the project along and is

looking for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the school and the county. The MOU would be reviewed by the School Board and the school lawyer and would define the obligations on each side for construction of the circulation plan. He said the goal is to follow up in either the May meeting or a special meeting and get the MOU signed by May.

Principal Richardson cautioned that he did not see getting the MOU signed in the next 30 days because there were too many open questions. He said MA needs to take it slow since the project impacts the ingress and egress to the elementary school and could have a significant impact. He encouraged the board to move deliberately and slowly as the viability of the elementary school is

at stake. Richardson said issues of timing, responsibilities, and funding were to be determined. Funding would come from the county, state and federal levels, the latter of which would add layers of bureaucracy. He said the board needs immediate legal advice from someone who knows property laws and will need to hire someone to supervise the project on MA's behalf.

Richardson noted that the county has seen tremendous growth and that the Knollwood and Highway 105 intersection is already backed up through no fault of MA. He said the church with whom MA shares ingress and egress wants that to go away, which would put all the traffic onto Knollwood Drive. He said eliminating this would be huge but is the church's right. Strop brought up financial concerns, noting that MA was already using its reserve funds and asked if the county could help. Beasley said he would take this under advisement and discuss it internally with his team. Board member Megghan St. Aubyn said that she would like to see a safe solution to the traffic problem and encouraged parents to provide input when they are emailed. The board discussed creating a committee with two board members, a parent, and Richardson.

More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/epc-hwy105>.

Prospective board members

Two MA board positions are open, including that of Strop, who is term limited, and the vacancy that was not filled when Susan Byrd stepped down. The board heard brief pre-

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