

Facilities Update Weekly

May 20, 2011

Mariemont Junior High at Fairfax Site:

- Bids are being taken for the construction of the building. They are due June 8.
- We will be tilling up the soil in the hopes of drying it out. Hopefully, Mother Nature will give us a break!

Mariemont Elementary:

- **This Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 is the Groundbreaking at Mariemont Elementary. Join us in the front of the school on Wooster Pike for the event.**
- Demolition still continues. The gym lobby and the multi-purpose room are gone
- Bids are being taken for the construction of the building. They are due June 8.

Terrace Park Elementary:

- The demolition of the 50's wing is finished.
- **This Sunday, May 22, at 1:00 is the Groundbreaking at Terrace Park Elementary. Join us on the back playground area for the event.**
- Bids are being taken for the construction of the building. They are due June 8.

FYI

- Our demolition companies, Evans Landscaping and Dore and Associates, are recycling 97% of the materials from the demolition. Metals are being sent to a compressed steel company, copper and wire to a recycling center, concrete and brick to a recycling place where it is crushed to gravel and resold.
- There has been some interest about how the construction and bid process works. So, here is a brief explanation from our perspective or School Construction 101...
 - After the project is designed (SFA Architects) and estimated (Turner), it goes out for bids. The design and estimating takes many months as there are many phases to getting the project ready for bid. It may seem like our bidding process is late in the project, but we are on schedule. The time put in on the design and estimating is a process that is critical to the success of the project. We have been meeting with SFA and Turner for months to get ready for this important step.
The bids are set up in packages. In our case, we are doing bidding by building. For example, there are separate masonry packages for ME, TP and the JH. They

can be bid separately allowing a smaller company to get the contract or they can be bid as a 2 or 3 school package.

The idea is to get the best bids possible. The companies bidding have the building specifications and blueprint available to them. It takes a great deal of time and attention to detail to complete the bid package. In our case, we are giving the bidders a month to prepare their bids. The lowest bid is generally taken unless the company has not proven to be responsible.

We have just put out bids for 36 packages that include masonry, structural steel, roofing, framing, fire protection, plumbing, HVAC etc. They are due on June 8. As the demolition is finished, the winning bidders will start their construction. Around June 20, we will start to see construction at all building sites!

- If you have any questions, please feel free to call (309-8743) or email me (kryan@mariemontschools.org). Also, check out the district website for building plans and more information (mariemontschools.org)

Have a great week!

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