

High Meadows: April 9, 2018 Community Forum Notes

Animal facilities

- Description shared (Nanci Levine)
- Statement: Expression of gratitude for handicap accessibility to the new barn.
- Request: Animal graves and memorial plan addressed – from animal care class ideas and research/plan for memorial to be discussed for 2018-19 school year

Project Timing (effects of school and camp)

- Question: overall project timing
 - o Feedback: Response timeline is dependent on factors such as weather and is difficult to guarantee.
 - o The animal areas are planned be completed this summer
- Day in the life of camper discussed and addressed, the hope is to have animals accessible

Alumni Updates & Communication

- Request: Alumni to have a voice in providing the history and in development of campus plan moving forward

Student Communication

- Request: input from students – Middle School meeting and invitations to forum addressed
- Request: information on how construction is affecting our students psychologically, anxiety during build, Meadow time and changes in their daily schedule
- Discussion: Safety concerns & more information for when the construction is closer to students.

Building and Construction

- Discussion: Environmental sustainability and questions on LEED certification for the buildings. Certification addressed and further discussion to be had
- Discussion: Physical safety of children addressed. Confirmed background checks on construction employees, even subcontractors have background checks. Safety is priority.
- Discussion: What would it take to cancel construction and the change is essence of the school

Tree Clearing

- Discussion: Margaret Lamb (CNC, HMS parent) spoke about trees, sees it as an opportunity for campus
- Questions about Chicken tree and other key landmarks were discussed

High Meadows Culture

- Statement: Magic that happens at High Meadows. Especially with teachers and we need to support them
- Statement: Excitement from those that are supporters of the project
- Statement: We all need to give it time. When it is finished it will be spectacular.

Governance

- Statements: It seems the Board is asking forgiveness, not asking for permission. Board deciding things for the community.
- Discussion: Jay's tenure and changes/ideas implemented in his time versus past leaders and boards
 - o Feedback: Board bylaws reviewed briefly and to be shared for clarification of rules: in terms of board members terms, financials and meeting minutes
- Board stated more communication updates are needed and project plans will be shared publicly