



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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SUBJECT: Brooks & Julian Middle Schools – Landscaping Upgrades

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In keeping with the referendum “promises made, promises kept”, the last piece of the overall playground upgrades included landscaping upgrades at the two middle schools. Over this past spring, summer and fall, Altamanu has been working with both principals to prepare plans to be reviewed by the respective middle school PTOs, similar to how the elementary schoolyards were developed.

Each of the middle schools were allocated \$150,000 for their upgrades; however in the summer of 2012, pavers were installed at Julian Middle School at a cost of \$75,000. Thus, Julian has a remaining balance of \$75,000 for continued upgrades whereas Brooks Middle School has its full allocation of \$150,000. The proposed work for each school is developed within the confines of the identified budgets.

Altamanu representatives, along with each principal, conducted meetings at each of the middle schools (Brooks – January 8; Julian – January 13) and attached are their presentations. While I was unable to attend the Brooks meeting, I did attend the Julian meeting. According to Principal Michowski, the parents were pleased with the plan and were looking forward to its completion. Likewise, the parents at the Julian meeting were likewise genuinely pleased. As you review both plans, you will see that they parallel each other in all respects.

While we were unable to have a quorum present for the FAC meeting on Tuesday, January 21, those members present did review the proposed plans and supported their implementation. After the Board’s review on January 28, Altamanu will prepare bid specifications for receipt of responses and these will return to the Board for review and approval at future meetings.

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