

Last week, Tinka and I were informed by Canyon Heights (at a meeting we called for a different purpose) that they are preparing to give us our 180-day notice in January of 2008. That means that our 2007-2008 school year will be our last at this site. That is the way our lease was written, and this is entirely their right. In fact, they have essentially given us just over 1 year notice.

There are several things I want you to know before you decide how to react. First, we have felt for some time that CHA and Sunnymont were not compatible as landlord and renter. We knew that their master plan would include full use of the site. We didn't set out with this relationship; we started with Campbell Union School District, who passed us on to CHA when they closed Hazelwood School.

Second, Sunnymont has moved 3 times in Tinka's tenure, and we have survived each time. We know that there are many things that a move could improve. Debbie, Justine, Tinka, myself and a handful of others were around for the last move. So there is some background experience. Most of you are newer than that, so you can carry the "Modern Sunnymont" thinking forward. Sounds like a good problem solving team to me.

Finally, we have been given a full year and a summer. The Executive Board will meet on Wednesday to determine our most immediate course of action: outlining the process and teams that will begin working over the summer. Teams will begin researching the real estate market, defining parameters for a successful site, tapping into Alum for resources, and crafting some sort of "Capital Campaign" Plenty of work to keep all hands busy

There will be time to share your ideas too, but not just yet. I want to let the board meet and define our immediate course of action. I also want to let the new board take their seats in June. Then, as each team forms, there will be a call out to the community to come share your ideas, your energy and your concerns. I appreciate that it can be hard to wait, but your ideas will be more powerful if you hold on to them until the moment is right, when everybody is ready to listen and take action.

This is the beginning of another great adventure. The time is right for Sunnymont to take charge of its destiny and find a more fitting home. Sunnymont is not a building, or a playground. Sunnymont will go where we go, and it will be wonderful.

Thank you,  
-scott.e