

School Board Gives Nod to Midwest City High School Class of 1964 Projects!

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(Midwest City, OK – August 9, 2016) - The Mid-Del Public Schools Board of Education gave the formal go-ahead [August 8](#), 2016, to museum and memorial projects that arose from the 50th reunion of the Midwest City High School Class of 1964.

The Board's consent authorizes a technological update and renovation of the Midwest City High School Museum and construction of a Vietnam Memorial and Plaza on the museum's front lawn.

Board Chair David Bibens and members Le Roy Porter, Jimmie Nolen, and James F. Howell unanimously voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding developed by project committees and Superintendent Dr. Rick Cobb that outlines the steps to be accomplished. Parties to the MOU can now move forward with design, funding, and construction of the projects at no cost to Mid-Del Public Schools.

Callaway Architecture of Richardson, TX, will donate design renderings. Financial contributions will be solicited from alumni and the public to fund the projects. Grady McCorkle, Midwest City High School Class of 1964, will lead fundraising efforts. A dozen Bomber graduates attended the Board of Education meeting, some wearing alumni tee shirts in support of the planned gifts to the school.

Mike Bryan, Executive Director of Operations for Mid-Del Schools, brought the MOU before the Board for consideration. He introduced Tony Callaway, MCHS Class of 1964, to speak for the parties to the MOU, which include Mid-Del Public Schools, Vietnam Memorial Project Committee, Class of 1964 Museum Project Committee, and Midwest City High School Museum, Inc.

The group organized following the MCHS Class of 1964 Reunion in 2014 and worked together for the past two years to finalize the MOU. The MOU is effective through [June 30](#), 2017, renewable up to five subsequent years.

Project Reconnection 2020 will, by the year 2020, scan and digitize the contents of the Midwest City High School Museum for easy discovery, access, and use by students, alumni, and the public onsite or online; apply preservation methods to prolong the life of photographs and printed matter in the museum; and renovate the museum space to accommodate interactive technology for increased enjoyment, education, and research in the history of Midwest City High School.

The museum renovation will modernize and refresh the space, develop new and rotating exhibits, and install internet technology and a video system for recording and retrieving historical data digitally. The facility will be renamed MCHS History Center.

The Vietnam Memorial project will design and fund a new, upright Vietnam Memorial on the front (south) lawn of the MCHS History Center (“museum”). The Vietnam Memorial will honor all MCHS veterans of the Vietnam Conflict, with special tribute to the 22 former MCHS students who died in Vietnam. Those students will be identified by name, age, rank, military branch, date killed in action, and yearbook photograph.

A Memorial Plaza to honor other deserving graduates from time to time as warranted will be constructed around the memorial. The plaza will serve as a gathering place for students and visitors to the campus as well.

Callaway is architect for both projects and a member of both project committees. He is chair of the Class of 1964 Museum Project Committee. His contact information is: tcallaway@callawayarchitecture.com, (214) 535-6480.

Bob Osmond, MCHS Class of 1964, is chair of the Vietnam Memorial Project Committee. His contact information is: rosmond03@att.net, (405) 642-0277.

Three information articles on the background for both projects are found on the MCHS Class of 1964 website at:

http://www.classreport.org/usa/ok/midwest_city/mchs/1964/691775Museum2.pdf

http://www.classreport.org/usa/ok/midwest_city/mchs/1964/691775Museum1.pdf

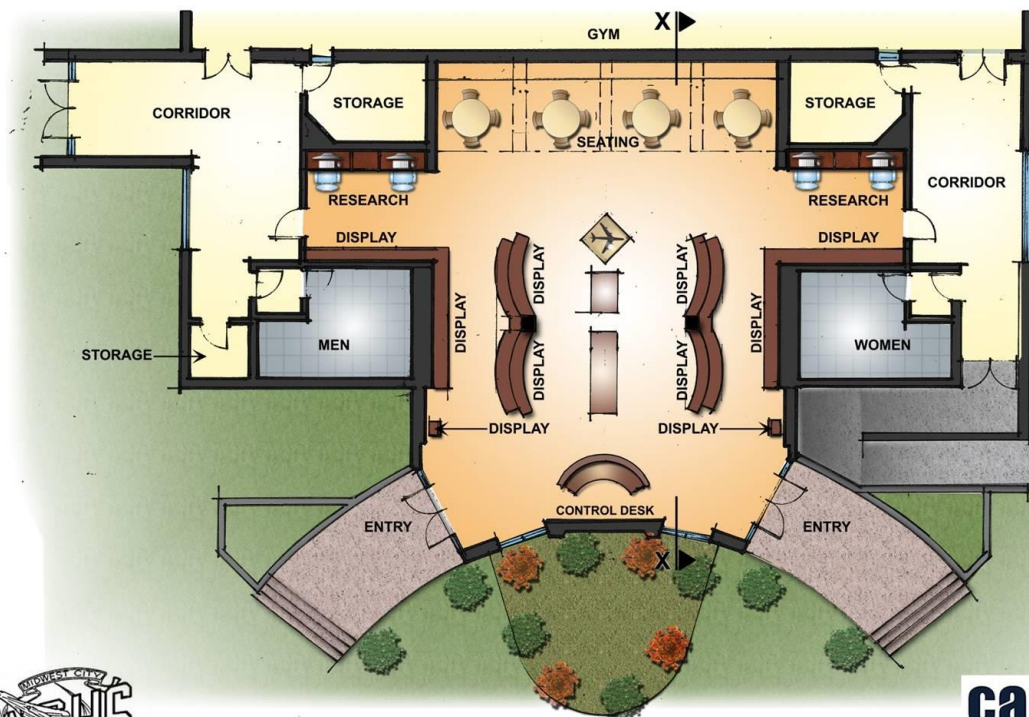
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Class Gifts: Architectural drawing shows proposed Vietnam Memorial and redesigned front entry of Midwest City High School Museum at 213 Elm St., Midwest City.



FLOOR PLAN - MCHS HISTORY CENTER
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Museum To Gain Educational Component: The MCHS History Center will bring to life the static displays of the museum with interactive technology. The contents will be scanned and digitized for onsite or online viewing and ongoing research into the Bomber experience. Teachers will bring their students into the history center to research past classes and compose their contemporary class histories and save them for the future.



Welcome, Bombers: Mid-Del Schools Board member James F. Howell greets MCHS graduates Chaniece Kennedy Harkey, Keith Simpson, Charles Sharp, and Bob Osmond. In the background, Board member Le Roy Porter (MCHS Class of 1959) and Board president David Bibens prepare to take their seats for the meeting at which the Class of 1964 projects for Midwest City High School were given the go-ahead.



Preparing: Projects architect Tony Callaway, MCHS Class of 1964, takes a quiet moment before addressing the Mid-Del Schools Board of Education about the museum and memorial projects.



Bombers All: Mike Bryan, Mid-Del Executive Director of Operations (MCHS Class of 1974) welcomes Chaniece Kennedy Harkey, Class of 1964, to the School Board Meeting.



Drawings and Expertise: MCHS Class of 1964 grads Marty Thompson, Garry Avery, and Bob Osmond, and Class of 1966's Linda Stell Smith gather at architectural drawings of planned projects involving the Midwest City High School Museum and new, upright Vietnam Memorial on museum grounds.



Future Construction: Earlier in the day, Bob Osmond, chair of the Vietnam Memorial Project Committee, and Tony Callaway, chair of the Class of 1964 Museum Project Committee, took measurements in front of the museum in preparation for future enhancements to the museum and construction of a Vietnam Memorial honoring former MCHS students who served during the Vietnam Conflict or lost their lives there. An existing monument in memory of Kathy Davis Seidl and Paul Ice, former MCHS students who died in the Murrah Building Bombing in 1995, will remain in place.