

SUBJECT: Moving the project forward
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Kris,

I need to know your plan for my/our involvement so that I can adjust my PT accordingly. I can support a Board Meeting tomorrow if that is what you would like, but I need to know times, etc. I can also be available this afternoon / evening, if I have enough notice so that I can rest before hand.

If I were going to pitch to the Board, one way I would consider doing it is:

1. I would print out all their written "statements of intention" from a year ago when they were elected.
2. I would start the meeting off by holding the statements up and asking is anyone had any intention other than making DMS better? If anyone does have a different agenda then they have betrayed the trust placed in them by the membership. Therefore, by definition, they are in favor of moving DMS forward.
3. The idea with the above is to get them all tied into the "betterment" which is what this Expansion Project / Capital Initiative is all about!
4. Next, I would simply state the 4 Phases on the bottom of page one of the material I previously provided to you (also attached to this email).
5. If they want more details, those will be forthcoming as the Expansion Project is completed.

I think the above will quickly eliminate most of the negatives that could be thrown up.

Further, it makes them feel like they "know a secret". I see no harm in giving them a "peak behind the curtain" (from the *Wizard of Oz*). We are NOT letting them see the "wizard", as you will continue to control that for at least another year to 18 months while you solidify the Capital Initiative.

We are a multi-million dollar business now and we have an obligation to operate as such and protect / prosper / project our future!

Just my thoughts,
JHM