

Malibu Schools Environmental Task Force
Second Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2013

In Attendance:

- Mark Katchen, Managing Principal, The Phylmar Group, Inc.
- Laurie Lieberman, President, Board of Education
- Jan Maez, Associate Superintendent, Business & Fiscal Services/CFO
- Jerry Block, Principal, Malibu H.S.
- Pam Herkner, Principal, Cabrillo E.S.
- Lisa Lambert, Teacher, Malibu H.S.
- Nancy Levy, Teacher, Cabrillo E.S.
- Yalile Pieper, Bilingual Liaison, Malibu H.S.
- Seth Jacobson, Parent, Malibu H.S. (*attended by phone*)
- Soniya Perl, Parent, Malibu H.S.
- Jennifer deNicola, Parent, Malibu H.S.
- Elaine René-Weissman, Community Liaison, Malibu H.S.

Absent:

- Sandra Lyon, Superintendent
- Heather Anderson, Parent, Malibu H.S.
- Michael Jacobson, Student, Malibu H.S.
- John Sibert, City Council Member, City of Malibu

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approve October 17, 2013, Meeting Summary
2. Review Draft of the Initial Environmental Sampling Plan
3. Communication Process
4. Discuss Mold Issues at Juan Cabrillo

Agenda Item I.

Approval of October 17, 2013, meeting summary.

Motion by: Jennifer deNicola

Seconded by: Elaine Rene-Weissman

Ayes: All (12)

Noes: None (0)

Agenda Item II.

Review Draft of the Initial Environmental Sampling Plan

The key focus is the testing of probable toxins in several classrooms and buildings. Classrooms will be categorized and four or five of the same types of classrooms will be tested. The following tests will be conducted:

1. Indoor Environmental Quality – Comparing of Indoor and Outdoor air quality
The testing of IEQ parameters is to compare the indoor and outdoor air quality. An accurate testing of the indoor air quality will require students (bodies) to be present in the classroom. It was asked how an accurate indoor test be performed if no students were currently in Building E

(the middle school building). The plan is that once the wipe sampling has been conducted, and if an all-clear has been issued, the air quality testing will be performed.

2. Electromagnetic Field (EMF) – A survey of power sources and power supplies will be conducted.
3. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) – Testing of building materials
This test will consist of a wipe sampling of wall surfaces (i.e., paint). The sampling is a horizontal and vertical wipe of the surfaces. The areas that were identified in the Arcadias Report (soil removal report) of having elevated levels of PCBs will be tested. The Task Force identified the following areas to be tested: ten (10) locations around the Middle School Quad will be sampled. Mr. Katchen said that if there were containments present, they would be found in a wipe sampling, rather than a dust sampling. Light ballasts will be inspected for possible leaks. Testing of the identified areas will be conducted on Saturday, November 1, and Sunday, November 2, 2013. Testing will be reviewed by the Los Angeles County Department of Health.
4. Radon Testing
Radon is a gas that is naturally occurring and has been identified by the State of California as present in low to moderate levels in the Malibu vicinity. Testing will occur at both Malibu High School/Middle School and Juan Cabrillo Elementary School from Friday October 31 through Sunday, November 2, 2013.

Agenda Item III.

Communication Process

1. Task Force meeting summaries are to be completed and circulated to the Task Force for review. Once corrections/changes have been made, the meeting summaries will be posted on the district website with a link on the Malibu High School website.
2. Frequently Ask Questions (FAQs) will be posted on district website with a link on the Malibu High School website. Four (4) Task Force members have been assigned to review the FAQs, generate accurate responses, and submit them for posting online. Questions can be submitted to the Task Force at mhsfaq@smmusd.org. Ms. Pieper requested to have the FAQs translated in Spanish. This will serve as a great resource when responding to our Spanish speaking parents.

Agenda Item IV.

Mold Issues – Juan Cabrillo Elementary School

1. There were visible signs of mold in Room 12 at Cabrillo. The mold has since been removed. This appears to be a chronic issue due to the architectural design of Room 12. The main issue with mold is allergies. Mr. Katchen recommended that Cabrillo classrooms be visually inspected on a weekly basis. Once there is sign of mold, it must be removed immediately. Short term, this is a custodial issue; long term, it is a structural issue and must be addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm. The next scheduled Task Force meeting is Thursday, October 31, 2013.