

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Board Committee
Measure BB Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Approved Minutes
Monday, February 19, 2008
Time: 4:00-6:00 pm**

Location: Lincoln Middle School
1501 California Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90403

- I. **Call to Order- Co Chair Gleam Davis**
- II. **Approval of Minutes: Gleam Davis moved, Dennis Crane seconded; all members present approved the minutes of the January 7, 2008, meeting.**
- III. **Discussion Items:**

a. Special Education – Facility Needs: Virginia Hyatt presented the strategy that has been developed for Special Education needs across the District. A template for a Special Education Intensive Services Suite has been developed including Occupational Therapy clinic, offices and classrooms. It is proposed that three suites would be located to serve the special education students at three sites: one location in Malibu (Cabrillo ES) and two in Santa Monica (McKinley ES and/or Roosevelt ES). This proposal is tied to the exit plan being developed to relocate the Pine Street facilities currently located on the Olympic HS site. Per the proposed Pine Street Exit Plan, three SDC classrooms would be relocated to the new SDC suite at McKinley; two (2) CDS classrooms would be relocated to Roosevelt ES and two (2) CDS classrooms would be relocated to Washington West. An alternate plan would be to relocate the two (2) SDC preschool classrooms and assessment facilities from Lincoln MS to Roosevelt and relocate 2 CDS classrooms to the Lincoln site.

The next steps planned for this effort are to complete the design guideline templates, refine the planning recommendations and associated cost estimates, and integrate the planning for these suites with the FMP and the Measure BB projects.

Gleam asked what schools were being considered for the south side. **Virginia** clarified that Rogers LC and Edison LA were originally considered as possible locations, but that Edison, as a language immersion program, was determined not be an appropriate site. **Dianne Talarico** added that in locating these sites the District should avoid selecting impacted school sites, particularly south side sites are already impacted. **Judy Abdo** stated that the CDS program as an all-day program would work well at the Lincoln site. [The site is currently utilized by Special Education program as a pre-school for morning sessions only]. **Ralph Mechor** recalled that the Board had discussed one north side and one south side location for the Special Education Suites or the possibility of a central location to serve Santa Monica.

Dianne explained that there has not been a seamless provision of services for students at each school site and that the preference is to avoid transitions for these students. This proposal was developed with the special education department to address this issue. **Bill Jepson** asked if these suites would also be incorporated into the middle school and high school sites. **Virginia** responded that the plan would be to provide suites for each grade level, but that that first phase has been prompted by the development of the Pine Street exit plan. Currently, these suites are not part of the FMP, and are not part of the architects' Measure BB scope of work. **Kathy Wisnicki** recalled that the BOE asked for additional information before proceeding with the Olympic HS scope of work.

Tom Tomeoni stated that timely direction to the architects is required in order to incorporate these suites as part of their master planning scope of work. The sites don't have to be constructed as part of this first phase of work. The Pine Street exit plan is a separate issue. **Gleam** asked if

the Board was looking for a recommendation from the MBBAC for the Pine Street exit plan and incorporation of the Special Education suites into the master plan. **Ralph** responded that he did not believe the BOE needed a formal recommendation from the Committee at this time.

b. Enrollment Trends – Mike Matthews presented a summary of the recent enrollment forecast prepared by DecisionInsite projecting a 2017 enrollment of 10,539 [Moderate trend used for Facility Planning; Conservative trend results in much lower numbers], assuming no change in the permit policy. The FMP was based on a previous proposed target enrollment of 12,188 in 2017. The BOE is considering changes to the permit policy. The new enrollment projections are prompting a review of the scope of work at each Measure BB project. **Virginia** stated that it is critical to remember that the Measure BB projects are intended to be transformational and not necessarily tied to projected enrollment. Review of the Measure BB scopes should be thoughtful and look at the programmatic needs at each school site.

Gleam stated that because enrollment changes vary by schools, perhaps the permit policy could be looked at on a site by site basis. **Virginia** reported that the Malibu elementary schools show a projected increase of about 100, but that the MS/HS are projected to reduce by about 150. The transformational project at that site is being planned in an effort to retain more students. **Bill** remarked that because Malibu and Samohi serve different communities, it would be possible to develop different permit policies at those schools, as there is a desire to keep enrollment at Samohi down while maintaining Malibu HS enrollment at current levels.

Tom stated that it is the plan to come back at the next BBAC meeting with refined enrollment numbers and the proposed master plan classroom targets at each site.

IV. Action Items:

a. Allocation of Available Construction Budget – Gleam acknowledged that a review of the voting at the 1/7/08 meeting has revealed that the substitute motion did not pass because the abstention vote counts toward the total votes, therefore the final vote did not result in a majority. Further, there was discussion regarding the necessity to vote whether to accept the substitute motion. **Dianne** clarified that the Board has returned the issue of allocation of available construction budget to the MBBAC to reach consensus and return with their recommendation.

Larry Gray motioned that it be recommended to the Board of Education to allocate funding to the following middle school projects:

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| Lincoln MS | \$16 million |
| John Adams MS | \$12 million |
| Malibu MS | \$14 million |
| TOTAL | \$42 million |

Laura Rosenbaum asked if a friendly amendment could be added to allow the budgets allocated to each project be allowed flexibility at the end of Schematic Design in June. **Bill** stated that the individual project budgets enforce a measure of discipline on these projects and that he supports the motion. **Tom** summarized the current schedule intent is to report back in June with scope and budget for each project for evaluation. **Dennis** stated that he was concerned that expectations will not meet cost projections, but he supports the motion in order to build consensus and move on. **Larry Gray** reported that he attended a site meeting at Webster where it was clear to him that the architects understood that they had a budget they were expected to hold to. It was confirmed that this allocation at Malibu MS would allow the MS to become a more separate identity. **Judith Meister** stated that the site building committee at Samohi has already made major scope reductions in order to meet their allocated budget. She would rather wait until the committee has more information before approving additional allocation.

Craig Hamilton stated his concern that instead of discussion of program priorities, there is discussion regarding who gets how much money. He agrees that having a budget discipline is correct. **Barbara Stinchfield** stated that she does not believe any school is more or less worthy. She feels that though reaffirming support to the MS is positive she believes it is too early for further allocations.

Gleam read from a LA Times article referring to plans to scale back the LAUSD program due to declining enrollment and increased construction costs. **Craig** voiced concerns about compromising quality should estimated costs exceed budget. **David Kaplan** stated that on a personal level he felt it was brave for the committee to allocate additional funding to Samohi, but that he was willing to go back to no allocations. **Bill** stated his agreement to maintain quality and to look at scope revisions to meet budget.

Larry affirmed that this motion benefits all middle schools including Lincoln and John Adams, not just Malibu.

The motion was called to vote.

Committee members voted on the motion as follows:

Yes:

Larry Gray
Bob Stallings
Laura Rosenthal
Elaine Rene-Weissman
Dennis Crane
Laura Rosenbaum
Bill Jepson

No:

Judith Meister
Barbara Stinchfield
Craig Hamilton
Gleam Davis
David Kaplan

Abstain:

None

The motion was approved by the Committee members present.

Craig stated that it was important to define priorities for the projects in order to guide the teams in order to manage their budgets moving forward. **Elaine Rene-Weissman** suggested that a mission statement could be developed to give to the project teams to guide the process forward.

Barbara motioned that the recommended BB allocation to projects at the high schools, middle schools and Edison are budget targets to guide the site-based teams - to be refined during schematic design and cost estimating while retaining a commitment to project quality and to the educational program. **Craig** seconded the motion. **Virginia** stated that there was a BOE policy for Budget review and Design Review procedures.

Committee members voted on the motion as follows:

Yes:

Barbara Stinchfield
Judith Meister
Craig Hamilton
Gleam Davis
Dennis Crane
David Kaplan
Elaine Rene-Weissman
Laura Rosenbaum

No:

None

Abstain:

Bob Stallings
Laura Rosenthal
Bill Jepson

The motion was approved by the Committee members present.

V. Information Item:

a. RFQ – Civic Center Specific Plan – Barbara reported that the City of Santa Monica has selected Koning Eizenberg Architecture for the Civic Center Joint Use Planning Study and to work with Rikki Binder, the architect for Samohi. Four (4) work days have been scheduled with the two firms and two community workshops planned for April and May. In June, the proposed plan would go to the advisory committees, the City, and Samohi, culminating in a joint City Council and BOE meeting in July with the purpose to synch[ronize] the master plans of the Civic Center and the high school. **Barbara** summarized that the proposed schedule is very quick, with the intention of not slowing down the progress of the Measure BB efforts.

Ralph asked if this effort affects the first phase of work at Samohi. **Tom** relayed that this effort does pose a schedule challenge and the team is looking at ways to develop a work-around. However, the Samohi Measure BB project does not retain the original Schematic Design schedule.

VI. Standing Reports

a. Joint Use Subcommittee – Michael Hill reported on the efforts of the Joint Use Subcommittee. The Subcommittee met on 10/2/2007 and 1/9/2008; meeting notes have been distributed.

- Discussions with SMC and LA County about potential for joint use opportunities at the Malibu HS library. A group from SMC and MHS has been formed to meet with the Joint Powers group at City of Malibu.
- It has been determined a franchise with Charter Communications for MHS broadcast is no longer possible.
- Continuing to develop joint use opportunities at Clover Heights property (MHS). The City would like additional fields.
- Also investigating the potential for workforce housing at the Malibu site.
- As previously discussed, the City of Santa Monica, the District and Samohi have formed a committee to develop the joint use planning opportunities for the high school and civic center sites.
- Working with the City and the LUCE regarding potential for development of Fisher Lumber and possible property exchange.
- Discussions with St. Monica's proceeding for possible joint use at Lincoln MS and financial support of lighting and field improvements.
- Discussions at Edison with City of SM for possible community use of library for after school programs; possible use of set aside funds from Lantana development agreement.
- Discussion with Venice Family Clinic regarding potential opportunities at Edison.
- Working with Measure BB architects to coordinate design of athletic fields at John Adams MS, joint use project with SMC.
- Waiting to hear from Boys and Girls Club regarding project planned for JAMS.

b. Program EIR update – Tom reported that the PEIR process has been somewhat stalled due to the new enrollment projections and the impact on the FMP. The historical resources consultant has met with the architects and is continuing site surveys. Briefings regarding air quality have been held regarding the two affected sites. A parking demand study is underway at Samohi. Meetings with Lucy Dyke from the City of SM have been held to review traffic and drop-off/pick-up issues at the SM sites. A site visit by CDE is scheduled for Friday 2/22 to kick-off the acquisition review process.

c. Sustainability Sub-committee – Julia Hawkinson reported that the Measure BB Sustainable Design Charrette was held on February 4 and was attended by 60 architects, engineers, city staff and community members. The purpose of the charrette was to bring all the teams to the same level regarding the sustainability goals and expectations for the program as well to challenge the teams to think innovatively. At the end of the charrette, attendees agreed to and signed the following mission statement:

Through our dedication and spirit of collaboration, we the Project Teams and Community stakeholders will create safe and healthy high performance facilities of enduring quality, sustainability and efficiency that enhance the learning environment for District students and employees. We will enhance the communities of Santa Monica and Malibu as stewards of our environment and natural resources to ensure that they are sustainably managed for current and future generations.

Judith asked if the mission statement could be distributed to the sites.

d. Site Building Committee Updates:

Edison – **Craig** reported that project is off to good start and there have been several meetings. The neighborhood is being surveyed to determine the level of support for a K-8 school.

Samohi – **Judith** reported that there have been several meetings and she is pleased at how things are moving along with Rikki Binder.

Malibu MS/HS – **Elaine** reported that they have had two workshops with HMC and it has been fairly easy to get consensus. Parking is a big issue and needs to be resolved.

VII. Possible Future Agenda Items (none)

NEXT MEETING: 3/10/08

Attendance:

Measure BB Advisory Committee Members:

Craig Hamilton, Co-Chair
Gleam Davis, Co-Chair
Dennis Crane
David Reznick (unable to attend)
Barbara Stinchfield, City of SM
Karen Ginsberg, City of SM Alternate (unable to attend)
Bob Stallings, City of Malibu
Don Girard, SMC (unable to attend)
Chris Harding (unable to attend)
Laura Rosenthal
Laura Rosenbaum
Ted Bardacke (unable to attend)
Elaine Rene-Weissman
Larry Gray
Judith Meister
William Jepson
David Kaplan

Board Liaisons:

Kathy Wisnicki, Board Liaison
Ralph Mechur, Board Liaison

SMMCCTA Liaison:

Harry Keiley (not present)
Sarah Braff (not present)

SMMUSD Staff:

Dianne Talarico, Superintendent
Tim Walker, Asst. Superintendent (not present)
Mike Matthews, Asst. Superintendent
Janece Maez, CFO and Asst. Superintendent
Virginia Hyatt, Director of Procurement, Contracts, Construction Management
Wally Berriman, Director of Facilities/ Director on Special Assignment

District Consultants:

Michael Hill, Joint/Shared Use and School/Community Engagement Consultant

Parsons / CCM:

Tom Tomeoni, Program Manager
Julia Hawkinson, Deputy Program Manager
Larry Fugal, Deputy Program Manager

Attachments: None