

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

**Approved Minutes  
Monday November 19, 2007  
Time: 4-6:00 pm**

Location: Malibu High School Library  
30215 Morning View Drive, Malibu, CA 90265

**I. Call to Order- Co Chair Gleam Davis**

- II. Approval of Minutes:** **Laura Rosenthal** moved, **Don Girard** seconded; all members present approved the minutes of the October 15, 2007 meeting. **Dennis Crane** moved, **David Reznick** seconded; all members present approved the minutes of the October 29, 2007 meeting.

**III. Action Item**

**a. Site Building Committee Assignments (Measure BB Advisors) – Craig Hamilton** reviewed the role of the Site Building Committee Advisors as a conduit from the individual sites to the Measure BB Committee. **Gleam Davis** clarified that although one BBAC member is assigned to each Site Building Committee (SBC), other BBAC members may also participate. **Craig** reviewed the list of schools that have volunteer advisors to date; **Craig** will finalize the list of assignments and circulate to the BBAC. **David R.** asked if there was a consistent message from the BB Advisory Committee to the Site Building Committees. **Wally Berriman** stated that the guidelines that have been issued to the SBCs are included in the packets (see attachments).

No action was taken on this item.

**IV. Discussion Items**

**a. Malibu MS-HS Complex – History, Operation, FMP.** **Mark Kelly** presented the history of the school, originally opened as a Junior HS in 1953, and expanded to high school in 1992. He outlined the campus improvements that were part of the Proposition X and ES programs. **Mark** summarized the challenges faced by the school due to limited facilities, especially as they affect middle school and special education needs. The Facilities Master Plan concluded that the complex has evolved in a less than ideal manner and addressed the need to clarify the identity of the two programs on the campus. The projects identified by the FMP that are part of Measure BB include removal of three relocatables from the HS quad, development of the HS quad, new MS classroom building to provide new science labs and allow more separation of MS and HS programs, reconstruction of new library and administration offices, new parking area with emergency access, new drop-off and pick up area, new synthetic turf field, enhancement of the amphitheater and HVAC in competition gym locker rooms. In addition, a potential Proposition 1-D initiative for the wood shop to transform it into a stage craft program has been identified.

In conclusion, **Mark** stated that although a combined MS and HS has its benefits, it is clear that the students in the two programs have different needs, that safety is a concern for incoming parents and that a separate identity for the two programs is greatly preferred.

**Wally** presented the proposed phasing plan for the Malibu HS Measure BB projects, the first step being construction of a new parking lot to provide an area for lay down and construction trailers. Approximately 12-14 relocatables are required to provide temporary classroom space during most of construction.

In response to questions, **Mark** responded that the library was shared by the MS and HS

students and that there were approximately 185 students in each grade level. There was some discussion about the possibility of using grasscrete for the fire access lane at the HS quad. **Bill Jepson** stated that may be difficult to have this material approved by the Fire Department.

**Chris Harding** asked for clarification regarding the net increase to classrooms and is concerned that they do not overbuild. **Wally** explained that the number of classrooms in the FMP is conceptual and adjusts depending on the number of oversized spaces (including science labs, art classrooms) that are required. **Mark** stated that he did not believe the identified projects would result in an excess of space. **Craig** asked if there was a way of looking at the projects relative to projected enrollment. **Wally** responded that during the programming and schematic design process, it is expected that the District would be in a better position to get a more accurate picture.

**Don** summarized his understanding of the discussion, that is, if the priority is to improve the HS and that in order to achieve that, the MS project is required. **Wally** concurred that the proposed MS building allows the school to better utilize the proposed HS building.

#### V. **Public Comment:**

**Gary Daly** stated that he is active in the project management community and he believes construction cost escalation to be the “invisible enemy” of the budget. He encouraged the BBAC to define the projects and move forward to avoid additional costs that could be incurred by delaying the projects.

**Abby Adams** stated her agreement with the previous speaker’s concerns and urges the BBAC to consider today’s tour of Malibu HS a precedent and visit other school sites to become familiar with their history and their respective health and safety issues.

**Aurelie Foucaut** (president of Franklin ES PTA) stated that Franklin ES needs renovations as the school was originally built to house 450 students and now has an enrollment of 800 students. She expressed that the needs at Franklin include new classrooms, health and safety issues, cafeteria capacity and parking. She stated that funds should be allocated based on needs and the BBAC should visit each campus to see what those needs are.

**Adam Panish** stated that he has been a teacher at Malibu HS for 11 years and that the MS and HS operate as one campus. He noted that the HS students deserve better than the HS Quad they currently use. He stated that one should look at the Malibu HS/MS projects at as one project and not fund one part without evaluating the repercussions on the entire campus.

**Heather Anderson** thanked the BBAC for coming to Malibu and taking the campus tour and commended Dr. Kelly for his presentation. She noted that the special education classes currently in undersized spaces and the matt room being used as classroom offset a number of the net new classrooms proposed for the site.

**Colleen Baum** stated that most of her comments have already been stated by previous speakers. She expressed her concerns about the BBAC as she believed that the committee members were to bring their resources and expertise to make decisions about how to spend this money but that she feels parents with parochial concerns have hijacked this process. She further stated that it is the MBBAC’s duty to visit each site and that this was part of the implementation plan in the FMP.

**Lynn Leavitt** stated that she was advocating for the Lincoln MS community and she wants to stress the importance of the projects at that site. She noted that the replacement of the west wing is critical in part because of the limited access for the special education and intensive services students. In addition, she stated that the condition of the athletic fields is inadequate.

**Elizabeth Sterns** has 3 students at Samohi, Lincoln MS and Roosevelt ES. She encouraged the BBAC to visit all the MS and ES sites. She stated that there is a big challenge for the committee because there is lot of need and the decisions need to be made quickly. She also emphasized the

need to address health and safety issues at the school sites.

**Mario Romero**, John Adams Middle School PTA, reminded the BBAC that all the schools need help and whatever decisions are made should take into consideration those needs. He also invited the MBBAC to visit JAMS.

**Rochelle Finalli** read a statement from John Kean, PTA President at Roosevelt ES, suggesting that the needs at Roosevelt for increased safety at drop-off and pick-up and replacement of relocatables may also be addressed in other ways, for example through reconfiguration of entrance gate.

**Karen Farrer**, a parent at Malibu HS and a member of the Santa Monica Malibu PTA Council, expressed her concern that after a lengthy public process a plan was put into place that diverted money from Malibu HS to Samohi. She stated that she believes this plan was promoted by a group of Samohi parents and MBBAC members and was developed without the involvement of MHS parents.

**Gene Fein**, a member of the Point Dume Marine Science ES PTA, expressed his astonishment at questions from the MBBAC regarding the MHS facilities. He is concerned that the MBBAC is making recommendations without having visited the individual campuses. He called for the resignation of committee members that he feels are doing a disservice to the committee and resulting in a tearing apart of the community.

**Sandy Thacker**, Malibu HS PTA president, urged the BBAC to recommend to the Board to restore the 2 story classroom building at Malibu MS.

**Dana Weinberg**, past president of Point Dume MSES PTA, stated that she had promised to the Malibu community that they would get their fair share and now has been made a liar. She asked the MBBAC to re-look at how to fund MHS, just as was promised to the Malibu parents.

**Deborah LaGorge Kramer**, parent of a sixth grader at Malibu High School, stated that she trusted the process to be thorough and believes the process was hijacked and feels that what happened was unethical and possibly illegal.

**Alfredo Silva**, a teacher at Malibu HS, stated that 250 students participate in sports and over half of the students are on campus until sundown. He commented that he feels that the greatest resource of the school is the parents and the greatest obstacle is the facilities.

## VI. Discussion:

**Laura Rosenthal** thanked all the speakers and stated that she especially found it interesting to hear from the other middle schools. Laura stated that the 10/15/05 BBAC meeting resulted in angering and disenfranchising the Malibu community. She stated that she recalled discussing for several months about the secondary schools emphasis only to have Proposal G developed at the "11<sup>th</sup> hour." **Laura** expressed that it is important to build trust again with the Lincoln, JAMS and Malibu communities and that the MBBAC needs to fix a wrong.

**David Reznick** stated that it is important to allocate funds immediately in order to minimize the potential impact of cost escalation. He agreed that it is important to get the BBAC out to all the schools.

**Bill** recalled that he voted no at the 10/15/07 meeting and noted that there was a lack of attendance at that meeting.

**Chris** stated that his priority on the MBBAC is to foster comparable facilities at all campuses and the enforce the language of the ballot measure which stated that all schools should be included.

**Mike Matthews** remarked that the BBAC has a responsibility to come together and try to reach consensus. He stated that the position to delay the decision until there is more information was not

a consensus decision and that he hopes that the MBBAC will commit to come to consensus.

**Craig** noted that there is more needs than funds available and that he is committed to continuing the discussion and meeting more frequently if necessary.

**Wally** noted that the architects have been assigned to each of the projects sites to begin programming and schematic design and that over the next six months there will be further definition of scope and the development of good cost estimates.

**Elaine Rene-Weisman** said that a working methodology should be established and some agreements should be reached regarding the commitment of the MBBAC.

**Laura Rosenthal** stated that the District and the MBBAC are fractured and the MBBAC needs to reassert its priorities. She asked that an item be put on the agenda for the next meeting to readdress the MBBAC recommendations.

**Wally** summarized the Facilities Master Plan process that has brought the District to this point and stated that the District has a responsibility to be true to sound planning principles and to identify facilities issues that are driven by programmatic needs. He remarked that having a focused well-defined program is essential to a successful program and for obtaining good value, creative thinking from the consultants and for maintaining momentum.

**Don** stated that he voted to increase the budget for Samohi, not to take it away from Malibu. He stated his concerns regarding the deteriorated conditions of the Samohi campus and that the problem there is closer to a \$400 million problem and at Malibu HS closer to \$100 million.

**Bob Stallings** stated that he felt that there was not enough time to evaluate Scenario G and he embraces the opportunity to revisit the recommendations.

**Gleam** stated that she is disappointed that people feel bad about the process. She summarized that there was not enough money to fund all the projects and the MBBAC needed to make a recommendation to the Board. She does not feel it is productive to bring back an agenda item without additional information.

**Mike** stated that waiting until June for more information is problematic as the school sites are looking to the BBAC for direction.

**Larry** agreed that the MBBAC needs to find direction and be decisive.

**Laura Rosenbaum** agreed that some understanding of the core goals of the MBBAC is necessary.

**Gleam** and **David Reznick** agreed that a discussion of core goals of the BBAC this would be valuable.

**Adjourned at 7:45 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING: 12/10/07 Santa Monica High School**

**Attendance:**

**Measure BB Advisory Committee Members:**

Craig Hamilton, Co-Chair  
Gleam Davis, Co-Chair  
Dennis Crane  
David Reznick  
Barbara Stinchfield, City of SM  
Bob Stallings, City of Malibu  
Don Girard, SMC

Chris Harding  
Laura Rosenthal  
Laura Rosenbaum  
Ted Bardacke (unable to attend)  
Elaine Rene-Weissman  
Larry Gray  
Judith Meister (unable to attend)  
William Jepson  
David Kaplan

**Board Liaisons:**

Kathy Wisnicki, Board Liaison (non voting member) (unable to attend)  
Ralph Mechur, Board Liaison

**SMMCCTA Liaison:**

Harry Keiley  
Sarah Braff (not present)

**SMMUSD Staff:**

Dianne Talarico, Superintendent (not present)  
Tim Walker, Asst. Superintendent  
Mike Matthews, Asst. Superintendent  
Janece Maez, CFO and Asst. Superintendent  
Virginia Hyatt, Purchasing Director  
Wally Berriman, Director of Facilities/ Director on Special Assignment  
Sarah Wahrenbrock, Assistant to Superintendent (not present)

**District Consultants:**

Michael Hill, Joint/Shared Use and School/Community Engagement Consultant (not present)

Parsons / CCM:  
Tom Tomeoni, Program Manager (not present)  
Julia Hawkinson, Deputy Program Manager  
Larry Fugal, Deputy Program Manager (not present)

**Public:**

Gary Daly  
Abby Adams  
Aurelie Foucaut  
Adam Panish  
Heather Anderson  
Colleen Baum  
Lynn Leavitt  
Elizabeth Sterns  
Mario Romero  
Rochelle Finalli  
Karen Farrer  
Gene Fein  
Sandy Thacker  
Dana Weinberg  
Deborah LaGorge Kramer  
Alfredo Silva