



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Meeting Minutes

Subject Facilities District Advisory Committee – Santa Monica (FDAC-SM)

Date January 9, 2023

Time 4:30 pm

Location FIP Conference Room for Committee Members & Public

Virtual Meeting can be found here: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5513>

1. Call to Order – Ralph Mechur called the meeting to order – at 4:52 pm

Present Margaret Bach  
Present Amy Bisson  
Present Alexis Dennis-Huether  
Absent Joan Krenik  
Absent Sam Levitt  
Absent Thomas Malayil  
Present Ralph Mechur  
Present Judith Meister  
Absent Julie Waterstone  
Absent Peter James – City of Santa Monica Rep  
Absent Laurie Lieberman – Board of Education Liaison  
Present Jennifer Smith – Board of Education Liaison  
Present Melody Canady  
Present Carey Upton  
Present Steve Massetti  
Present Kevin Klaus  
Present Alan Braatvedt  
Present Barbara Chiavelli  
Present Sheere Bishop-Griego  
Absent Kathy Staib

2. Approval of the Agenda – Motion to approve made by Margaret Bach, Seconded by Judith Meister and unanimously approved
3. Approval of the Minutes – Motion to approve made by Amy Bisson, Seconded by Margaret Bach, with the correction to Item #3 to correct word “adjourn” to “approve. Judith Meister abstained, as she was present at the meeting all other members unanimously approved.
  - a. August 22, 2022

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**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District**

Facility Improvement Projects/Measure **BB – ES – SMS**

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4. Nomination and Election of Chair and Co-Chair – Steve opened the nominations.
  - a. Chair – Alexis was nominated, Motion to approve by Judith, Seconded by Margaret and unanimously approved.
  - b. Vice Chair – Margaret was nominated, Motion to approved by Alexis, Seconded by Judith and unanimously approved.
5. Chairperson Communications/Reports - None
6. Staff Communications/Reports – Carey/Steve – Carey and Steve mentioned that due to lack of recent participation from current FDAC members the district will be looking to add additional members via an application process in the next couple of months.
7. Muir/SMASH Water Intrusion Repair Project – Kevin provided an update on the project. Steve mentioned that the completed construction dates are “target” dates but it is likely the completion of the project will push into 2023 due to the required added scope of work Ralph asked what will happen to the current school sites, Carey noted it will remain a neighborhood school; discussions will happen with the board over the next few months to finalize plans. Judith asked about enrollment & how the community is being included in the discussions. Carey noted the District is looking at the enrollment projections and that meetings are being held with the District, Board & Steve Richardson. The January 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting will include an update for the public.
  - a. Design Underway
    - i. Full Structural Upgrade
      1. Cost Implications
      2. Timeline Implications
    - ii. Contractor Procurement Underway
8. Middle and Elementary School Projects – Carey/Barbara/Michael/Steve – Staff provided updates on the following projects as noted below:
  - a. McKinley New Classroom/Admin Building & Library Modernization
    - i. Project is in DSA and is planned to start construction summer 2023. Project will be procured via a Lease-leaseback (LLB) delivery method that will commence this month.
  - b. Rogers New Early Learning Building and Field Replacement
    - i. Project is in DSA and is planned to start construction summer 2023. Project is being procured via a Lease-leaseback (LLB) delivery method with a planned board award to the selected General Contractor during the March 2, 2023 meeting. Carey mentioned that the field is planned to be synthetic. Amy disagrees with this decision and is very disappointed with it. Margaret advised that the committee could take this concern to the board and the time would be now. Judith noted there is a difference in elementary and middle school uses. Ralph noted the fields are being used for organized sports and this does not allow time to shut down the fields to maintain the natural grass. Melody noted that it would cost the district approximately \$450K a year in salaries to add three gardeners to maintain natural grass fields. Jen mentioned she would like to see a list of pros/cons relative to synthetic vs natural grass.

- c. JAMS Library Modernization
    - i. Project is in DSA and is planned to start construction summer 2023. Project is being procured via a Lease-leaseback (LLB) delivery method with a planned board award to the selected General Contractor during the March 2, 2023 meeting.
  - d. Grant Library and TK Modernization
    - i. Project is delayed & will be deferred to DSA requirements for structural requirements. The district has to conduct an extensive study to determine next steps.
  - e. Franklin New Makerspace and Field Replacement
    - i. Project is delayed & will be deferred to DSA requirements for seismic issues. Enrollment has increased significantly, therefore the maker spaces needs to be reviewed again.
  - f. Roosevelt Campus Plan Modifications
    - i. Community meeting held last year to review the proposed plans, did not go well. The district has hired MRY & DSK to redesign site plan for review & consideration, which will be presented to the board during the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Margaret requested that the district mandate Architects to review re-use over new buildings during initial planning stages. Carey noted that the District Ed Spec is the driver of proposed designs. Barbara to schedule discussion with MRY/DSK and FDACSM design review subcommittee to discuss proposed plan.
  - g. Lincoln Middle School Campus Plan
    - i. The 500's building is the only building that does not have air conditioning, future plan is to restore and modernize. Within the next couple of months, a discussion about proposed projects to include a planned 2024 bond will be discussed.
9. Project Updates/Discussion:
- a. Safety and Security Projects Update – Kevin provided the following updates:
    - i. PA/Clock
      - 1. Complete: JAMS, Franklin, Grant, McKinley, Webster
      - 2. Nearly Complete: Roosevelt
    - ii. Electrical Work Ongoing: Lincoln
      - 1. Up Next: Olympic and Rogers during the 2023 school year
      - 2. Edison: To follow Rogers
  - b. Samohi Update
    - i. Exploration Building and Gym – Alan
      - 1. Construction has been underway for 6 months. Exploration superstructure is scheduled to be completed by mid-April 2023 and by the end of May 2023 for the Gym. Substantial completion of the Exploration building is scheduled for June 2024 and May 2024 for the Gym.
    - ii. Phase 4 – Barbara
      - 1. Planning/Programming
        - a. Carey discussed the potential phases of the Phase 4 project, which will be presented to the committee soon. Phase 4 will be part of the planned 2024 bond. Future

phases will require additional future bond measures to continue with design/construction of the site.

2. A/E Procurement

- a. District is preparing a RFQ/P for Architectural Services, which is planned for issuance February 2023.

10. Report from the FDACSM Design Review Subcommittee – Alexis/Ralph/Margaret

- a. Margaret & Alexis reported that they met in October 2022 with Johnson Favaro. They have requested to review the interior & exterior finishes & renderings for Grant, Franklin & McKinley.

11. Public Comments – None

12. Future Meeting(s):

- a. February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm in the FIP Office
- b. March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm in the FIP Office
- c. Placeholder – March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm in the FIP Office

13. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Margaret Bach, Seconded by Judith Meister and unanimously approved at 7:09pm