

**Construction Site Committee Meeting
Fisher Middle School
February 3, 2010 - 3:15 PM – Fisher Library**

In attendance: Melinda Lum, Mary Morris, Kathy Ordner, Rick Kramer, Lisa Fraser, Jim LaTorre, Jane Babb, Karen Brodine, Randi Chen, Janet Dunphy, Jeri Gravel, Lezli Logan, Christie White, Shelley Gage, Natalie Rynn.

Summer School - Kathy reported that it might be possible for the Fisher construction project to begin during this summer and asked the committee what they would prefer in terms of summer school and if they had a preference as to the timing of the beginning of construction. The site prep work is the noisiest and dustiest part of the construction process and if it were done during summer it would not impact the students during a school year. We do not know at this point if it is possible to begin in the summer because of permits and DSA approval timelines, however the possibility is there.

Lisa explained that summer school is ½ day classes that run from June 21st to July 16th. In addition to the summer school program directed by the Recreation Department, Fisher has its Success Academy, there's Science Discovery (which uses all of Y-wing), and sports camps. Last year, the recreation dept also put 4th and 5th graders at Fisher for summer school. This created a big impact on the campus.

The consensus of the committee was to place summer school somewhere else and do whatever construction work can be done during the summer months if at all possible.

10 vs. 12 classrooms – Kathy explained that because of CEQA requirements if we exceed 10 classrooms, we could have a potential delay in CEQA since we exceed the categorical exemption. We would need to make a declaration and follow the public review process and a study would have to be done. The study will cost maybe \$15-20K. If there is a negative declaration, then maybe \$5-10K more. If it is a mitigated negative declaration then the added cost of whatever the problem is we would need to resolve. If it requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), then we would be charged for an unknown sum of money, which could be substantial. This would create a delay in schedule as well as a probability of going over budget.

If we keep it to 10 classrooms, the cost of filing the categorical exemption is \$50, with a zero impact on schedule.

Karen suggested that we look into the possibility of creating 2 “double” sized classrooms (out of the 10) in the new building that would allow for greater program flexibility (SPED, PE, etc) in the early years and would allow for the possibility to be converted into two classrooms each with temporary “walls” when enrollments exceed capacity. Minimum size for each of the other eight classrooms is 960 SF so

this could create a bigger footprint for the building.

Relocation Costs – The committee discussed how the campus would look during construction and interim housing for Lexington and also how the campus will look afterward and going forward. Lisa said that she would like to see two or three science classrooms on the first floor of the A building. These rooms would need to be retrofitted to serve as science classrooms. Jim suggested sixth grade science classrooms for the first floor. There was some discussion of putting music and choir in one area of the campus as well. Ceramics class may look different for one year as Janet Dunphy would not be able to use a P-wing room and would not be able to have the kiln moved to another part of the campus while construction is ongoing. There was discussion of another type of electives class for one year. Homework will be to figure out what classrooms need to be renovated so that the architects can price out the cost.

The Zone - The Zone has 20 students and could be moved to another spot on campus. There was some discussion of a permanent portable on the campus for the Zone and more discussion will follow on this.

Staff/Parent Input – Parents and staff expressed the following concerns and comments.

- The timing and schedule is tight.
- There doesn't seem to be opposition to Lexington interim housing at Fisher
- Lexington would like to have priority in construction timing
- Parking for Fisher teachers a concern.
- Traffic flow through the district office area.
- Trees – preference is not to remove redwood trees.
- Town of Los Gatos coordination with the district over traffic impact @ Blossom Hill and Roberts Road.

Bond Project List – Rick Kramer handed out a Bond Project List and explained it to the committee. The list showed the proposed projects to be funded by a new bond measure to be put to the voters in June. The Fisher growth project is budgeted for \$4.9M (or \$5.071M escalated to 2011). Timing for this project is anticipated for 2010 and 2011. This budget is for a 10 classroom two-story modular building. An additional \$400K (\$450K escalated to 2013) has been budgeted for costs to retrofit existing classrooms to accommodate the change.

Lexington rebuild with interim housing at Fisher is budgeted at \$17M (\$18.150M escalated to 2012). The Lexington rebuild project is anticipated for 2010, 2011 and 2012, with students moving back into their new campus when school starts in fall of 2012.

Other projects up for consideration are Van Meter replacement of portables and growth, which would include a 10 classroom two-story building including interim

housing costs during construction.

An auxiliary gymnasium is planned for Fisher at a budgeted cost of \$4.5M (\$5.597M escalated to 2015).

There are miscellaneous infrastructure improvements, covered outdoor spaces, photovoltaics, and technology improvements planned as well.

Rick explained that his hand-out is a draft and will evolve as Richard, staff, architects, and board members give more input.

Geri handed out a drawing of a possible Fisher Avenue driveway and parking flow configuration for consideration. The drawing made sense to keep traffic flowing in a safe manner.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM and next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 3:15 PM.

(PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting date has been changed to February 24th at 3:15 in the library as there will be a Fisher community meeting to address questions and concerns on Thursday, the 25th at 6:00 PM in the library.)

Respectfully submitted,

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