

## LGUSD – Construction Site Committee Meeting

**Meeting Notes      September 17, 2009      3:00 to 4:30 PM**

In Attendance: Mary Morris, Melinda Lum, David Freed, Kathy Ordner, Erik Anslinger, Stephan Braken-Guelke, Lauren Honda, Geri Markey, Kathryn White, Rick Kramer.

Community Members in Attendance: Vanessa Halliday, Scott Broomfield.

Welcome and sign-in - David Freed welcomed the committee and handed out meeting packets including agendas and presentation material. A sign in sheet was passed around for each committee member to initial and update email addresses. A sign in sheet was passed around for community members. David passed around a list for questions from the community and explained that the meeting would proceed among the committee members and any questions from the community would be held for the end.

Rick Kramer also sat in the meeting at Richard Whitmore's request. Rick introduced himself as an advisor to the district. He's recently been involved with the following schools / districts; CT English in Loma Prieta School District, Oak Grove School District, Cambrian School District and Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.

Project status and update by Dan and Scott – Scott Broomfield presented a PowerPoint update on planning and construction status. As this presentation took most of the time allotted to the meeting, the balance of the agenda was pushed out until the next meeting, to be held October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Questions and answers were heard as the presentation progressed as follows:

David reviewed preliminary results of the demographic report. Currently enrollment is 191 students. Slight growth is anticipated for a few years and then gradual decline. The Demographic report should be available in the near future. Committee members expressed concerns over Lakeside's potential shut down as well as reports of private school closures in the area.

Rick stated that you see a cost savings with pre-fabricated construction as long as you go with their standard design, but costs escalate significantly when buildings are modified and extras are added. There are also time savings with pre-fabricated construction at least of the building portion. Site work issues and timing are the same w/ either type of building construction.

Melinda explained that Meehleis built a campus at Belmont/Redwood Shores. The land is wet and somewhat marshy. So while their foundation issues are different than Lex, we know they expended extra funds for non-standard foundation work.

The New Shores campus is built as part of a housing development. Melinda will provide construction costs for this project at the next meeting.

Lauren mentioned Sandpiper School, another Meehleis constructed campus, that she visited. She stated that the campus had a charm to it but did not have a multipurpose building.

A question was asked about how long it would take to do a site built construction at Lexington and Rick replied that he thought the construction could be done start to finish in one year. Melinda stated that at Lexington you have a total new construction vs. modernization of existing buildings and in addition we have site elevation challenges. This could add some time to construction compared to other LGUSD schools done to date.

Scott asked what the contingency plan is in case the new bond measure does not pass.

Geri asked if the new State rules and regulations regarding construction projects will affect us. Mary explained that the district would be bound by the State laws that are in effect at the time you submit your plans for review by DSA.

Rick and Melinda talked about the timeline and when we would actually break ground. HMC's estimates show bidding in June of 2011 with a mid-point of construction in January 2011. Rick's report shows bid day in January of 2012.

When Scott completed his presentation David stated that the presentation could be shared with interested folks via email.

#### Program analysis of Administration, Library and Multi-purpose Buildings

Melinda presented the program analysis from the August 18 Board meeting showing a breakdown of proposed square footages and size of each component of the planned space. She explained we would end up with about 2000 square feet more classroom space than we have currently.

Questions followed:

Kathryn wanted to see classroom space for growth and felt it was important to stress that Lexington teachers use the computer lab every day. Kathy stated that she thought Maggi Reser was planning for computers to be provided to classrooms on mobile carts in future, which would eliminate the need for a computer lab.

Kathryn stated that if the computer lab was not planned into the new campus, she would like to see room left for one if they needed it.

Mary stated, we really need to see the demographic study results before we can plan for growth at the campus. Currently, the architects have been asked to plan for 195 students.

David stated that with 3000 square feet of library space and the probability that we will go with less printed material and more electronic media, this would be space we could plan more usage of.

Kathryn stated that with two kinder classes ongoing, we would need space for two kinder classrooms.

As time was running out for the meeting, it was decided that the balance of the agenda would be pushed out to a future meeting and next meeting would be devoted to continued discussion on layout and square footage.

Mary and Melinda asked that everyone take the time between this meeting and next to think about what they would like the new campus to look like and what the classrooms should look like. HMC encouraged the committee to bring in images of what they liked to help the group visualize the design elements.

A short discussion on green building ensued and Mary stated that the campus image includes our green image and what we will do to promote that. David suggested we hold that as a discussion item at next meeting.

Meeting ended at 4:40 PM.

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