



## **PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **MEASURE TT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the Citizens' Oversight Committee held on June 21, 2012 at the Education Center, 351 S. Hudson Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101, in room 240.

#### **PRESENT:**

**Committee:** Jon Fuhrman, Ed Barnum, Joanna Bauer, Paul Hunt, Rita Turner, Augustin Zuniga, Pamela Boxley, Cliff Cates, Antranik Zartarian, Gretchen Vance

**Board Member:** Ed Honowitz

**Staff:** Wendy Childress, Robin Brown

**Absent:** Gregory Barna, Dave Crocker

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jon Fuhrman called meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

#### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

#### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 7, 2012 MEETING**

Motion by Rita Turner to approve the June 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Carolyn Ellner; 2 abstentions. Approved by majority vote.

#### **D. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1. Vote for new Chair/Vice Chair**

Questioned was asked if alternates could vote. Chair informed the alternates they are eligible to serve on the Committee but not vote until placed in a permanent seat. Chair opened the floor for nominations.

Rita Turner nominated Jon Fuhrman. Carolyn Ellner seconded the motion. No other individuals were nominated. Carolyn Ellner moved to close the vote and Rita Turner seconded. There were no objections from the Committee. Jon Fuhrman accepted the position.

Joanna Bauer nominated Carolyn Ellner. Rita Turner seconded the motion. No other individuals were nominated. Rita Turner moved to close the vote and James Kossler seconded. There were no objections from the Committee. Carolyn Ellner accepted the position.

## **E. REPORTS FROM PUSD FACILITIES DIRECTOR**

### **1. Budget Breakdown of FMP Update**

Mr. Brown gave a brief presentation of the FMP Update noting that the presentation is also on the Measure TT website. Discussion ensued. There were questions about schools with problems, changes in scope, and cuts to projects. Mr. Honowitz explained the process of the initial FMP noting that all dollars for Measure TT funding are intact.

Mr. Azcárraga explains that one of the main purposes of this Committee is to make sure Measure TT dollars are not used for salaries etc...

Question arose about changes in the Altadena ES budget and staff explained that the reason for changes was due to dollars taken out for central kitchen project.

Discussion ensued regarding Blair and the Vice Chair requested that she be informed when the presentation to Blair will be made so that she may accompany staff.

Blair, Cleveland, Madison, Marshall, McKinley, Norma Coombs, PHS, Roosevelt), San Rafael, Sierra Madre MS (dual immersion), Willard (kitchen) were schools that were hot topics. Mr. Barnum provided some background information on Sierra Madre.

Committee questioned staff about not showing what is completed and upcoming in the presentation. Staff will correct the presentation to reflect this information.

Mr. Azcárraga addressed the mural at McKinley. He informed the Committee that the plan is to remove the mural intact, store it, and move it to another location. The artist is working on raising funds to move the mural and the District has found some dollars that are not Measure TT dollars to assist with the move.

Committee member questioned the Lease Leaseback for Roosevelt noting that the understanding that Lease Leaseback was an option that the District did not want to use since it did not work well with Blair. Staff explained that in this case, value engineering has been set, dollar amount is set, program requirements must be met, quality must be met, and the contractor will know that there will be no additional dollars spent above what is stated in the contract state. In addition, staff noted the Lease Leaseback method saves time.

Mr. Azcárraga shared with the Committee some background on priority zero projects and the stipulations that the FSC tasked staff with. There was a question about cost associated with the displacement of students during construction and staff informed the Committee that this was accounted for in the budget.

Committee questioned if they will be invited to attend the final FMP presentations made to the schools once the Board accepts the final FMP. Mr. Azcárraga stated, yes and informed them they will be notified of the schedule.

#### San Rafael- seismic fault(s)

The Chair informed the Committee that it has been determined been decided that it is an active fault. Mr. Cates noted that he continues to question why does something (like relocating the students/staff) have to be done and why is discussion closed. He reiterated that he asked for a copy of the counsel's legal opinion and was not certain that something has to be done. Discussion ensued. Mr. Azcárraga informed Mr. Cates that he would get the Committee a copy of the legal opinion and codes pertaining to active faults. Mr. Azcárraga also explained the "grandfather" concept noting that since the state has declared it an active fault, the District cannot do anything to it. The state does not order evacuation however, the District must have a plan; there is no deadline but the District

must be working towards a plan. The Chair notes that it is the Board's decision not the Committee. Further Discussion ensued.

**2. Auditorium and gymnasium budgets**

Due to time and lengthy discussion, regarding San Rafael this item was not discussed.

**F. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Mrs. Bauer**

1. Report from Outreach Sub-committee – Ms. Joanna Bauer  
Mrs. Bauer circulated signup sheet for school assignments
2. Report from Liaisons to Facilities and Capital Subcommittee – Mr. Barnum  
Mr. Barnum reported that several of the Board members are working hard on potentials for Rose City and CTE. He also noted that there will be a new RFP for the Community Outreach/Local Hiring.

**G. REPORT FROM BOARD LIAISON – Mr. Honowitz**

**(This agenda item was moved to the beginning of the meeting due to Mr. Honowitz' schedule)**

Mr. Honowitz noted that there is an extensive process around the FMP revision and thanked staff for their work. He shared with the Committee that staff has the daunting task of cutting 64 million dollars as a result primarily of the State not funding modernization. He noted some funds might be restored should state bonds be restored in the November election. He informed the Committee that staff had been charged with going to School Site Councils meetings to update sites on the cuts/changes to their budget. In addition, the architectural firm, A4E was hired to work on the revision of the FMP and it is believed that staff has a good handle on how to achieve goals of the 64 million dollar cut. Mr. Honowitz informed the Committee that FSC delayed going to full board to approve updated FMP. He explained that the plan is to build a program and not just start building. They are looking at a plan to restore early childhood centers, and update/relocate Rose City.

Mr. Azcárraga asked Mr. Honowitz to address the difference between the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) and the Facilities Subcommittee (FSC). Mr. Honowitz explained that Measure TT is a Prop 39 bond and that the COCs charge is oversight of Measure TT- review spending. The FSC looks in a proactive way at the work of Facilities to address such things as equity across the District and what is needed to meet the programmatic needs of the District.

Mr. Cates questioned the independent audit, the date of the audit and the issues surrounding San Rafael. He expressed his concerns about the audit drafts and the dates of the reports. The Chair noted that San Rafael would be discussed during the update and that the audit was not on the agenda.

Mr. Azcárraga informed Mr. Cates that staff would get him an answer to his questions concerning the audit. Mr. Honowitz suggested having the auditors come back to make the presentation again since there are new members on the Committee.

**H. REPORTS FROM SITE VISITS – *due to time unable to address***

**I. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. by Chair, Jon Fuhrman  
Before adjourning, the Vice Chair requested that nameplates be created  
Future Agenda Items:  
Website overview  
COC Bylaws  
Fmp – status on update

Next meeting August 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.