

Public Meeting
NEW SHORES SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2009

LOCATION:

**Conference Rooms: Oak & Pine Conference Room
San Mateo County Office of Education
101 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City**

A. ROLL CALL – Joseph Foust, Committee Secretary

Representing Advisory Committee:

Joe Foust, Pete Hughes, Bonnie Wolfe, Lawrence Pon, Doug Crisman,
Darby Limkakeng, Michelle Atno-Hall

Representing Belmont-Redwood Shores School District:

Nellie Hungerford, Assistant Superintendent;
Joe DiGeronimo, Consultant

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting convened at 7:05 pm
- Minutes of 12/2: Approved as written

C. MEMBER REPORT/COMMENTS

- None

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

E. DISTRICT REPORT – Nellie Hungerford, Asst. Superintendent, Bus. Services & Operations

- Budget Update
 1. Waiting to hear what the State is going to do for mid-year cuts along with 2009-2010. Indications are that there will be additional cuts and there are variations as to how the cuts will be implemented. Early indications are that we may have \$750k in cuts this year alone.
 2. Expenditures are being scrubbed to be able to make budget. Thorough review was held with the Board this past Tuesday.
 3. A tool has been made available to the District to be able to priority rank the possible cuts. Still trying to ensure the District is solvent in 2011-12. Goal will be to cut \$250k this year, compounded each year.
 4. Question was asked why the postponement of the school opening was prioritized so highly. The criteria were established by the Board independent of the potential cuts.
 5. There will be another Board meeting next Tuesday to discuss the priority ranking of the cuts. The Board has requested an assessment by the Administrators.
 6. The Committee expressed significant concern about the inequity to the Redwood Shores kids by delaying the opening of the school. Everyone was urged to communicate directly with the Board about the concerns.
 7. The District is working with the State to recognize the problems with the extra-ordinary costs due to the Special Ed requirements.

8. Disappointment about the delayed opening was expressed by the Committee. Even though the developer delivered the property early, there were certain steps that were delayed over the summer that could have been avoided and not delayed the DSA approvals.
 9. With the delayed opening, the \$350k savings should be reflected in the budget for '09-'10. There should be no option to consider delaying further and this should be taken off the savings list.
- Update on New School
 1. Bid Results
 - Opening is expected in September '10 due to the delayed DSA approvals.
 - Bids came in very good and should allow for a significant portion of the school to be built. If remaining unknown cost factors prove favorable, the kindergarten rooms may be built as well.
 - A list of required items for the school is being prepared by School Specialties. The finalized list will be used for future RFP's.
 - Need to have additional confidence that the school will definitely open in 2010. Suggestions included a commitment by the Board in the Board meeting, a press release by the District, or having the Superintendent address the RSCA annual meeting.

F. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Financial Discussion Regarding the Opening or Delaying of the New Shores School
 1. See above
 2. Waiting on DSA approvals which aren't expected until March or April.
- Fundraising Committee Report
 1. A flyer has been created and will be put into the Friday folders at Sandpiper.
 2. Fundraising committee scheduled for next Wednesday, 1/14, 7 PM.
 3. The school naming will be discussed at the 1/22 Board meeting. There may be opportunities for a sponsorship with the name.
 4. There is more time available for fundraising with the delayed opening.
- Ground Breaking Ceremony
 1. Doug Crisman still needs to coordinate with Blach Engineering about possible dates and events.
 2. Asked if a Ralston student could video the ceremony.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- Planned Future Meeting Dates:
 - February 26, 7:00 PM
 - April 7, 7:00 PM
- Recommended Future Agenda Items:
 1. Blach to report on construction schedule
 2. Ground Breaking planning
 3. Fund Raising
 4. School Naming

H. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 7:00 PM.