

New Shores School Advisory Committee

March 13, 2008
Minutes of Meeting

- A. ROLL CALL:
Representing Advisory Committee:
Joe Foust, Heather Irwin, Pete Hughes, Bonnie Wolfe, Doug Crisman,
Lawrence Pon, Scott Miron, Darby Limkekeng
Representing Belmont-Redwood Shores School District:
Nellie Hungerford, Assistant Superintendent; Joe DiGeronimo, Consultant; Kip
Grubb, SKW Architects
Representing Self
Max Keech
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- Meeting convened at 6:45 pm
 - Minutes of 1/10: Approved as written
 - Minutes of 1/31: Approved as written
- C. MEMBER REPORT/COMMENTS
- Lawrence Pon reported on Bond Oversight Committee. Committee met last Thursday and approved expenditures thru 1/31.
 - Bond Oversight Committee Members who have completed their term of service: Pauline Facciano and Jim Hooley. New Committee Members selected by the Committee, whose names have been submitted for Board approval at their March 20th meeting: Alexis E. Hunt (Resident/Community Member) and John R. Hall (Parent/Resident). One opening currently exists on committee.
 - Next Bond Oversight meetings: June 3, September 9
 - L. Pon encouraged everyone to donate to School Force. At rate of \$500/child, that would give >\$1M to district.
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT
- No public comments provided.
- E. DISTRICT UPDATE - Nellie Hungerford, Asst Superintendent
- Summary of financial condition and expenditure growth was provided. Upwards of \$1M increase in expenditures is expected by 2010 and includes the projection due to the New Shores School opening.
- F. DESIGN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – Kip Grubb, SKW Architects
- Main purpose of discussion was to review schematic design prior to presenting to the School Board.
 - Previous design was compared to available budget and prioritized. To meet the budget, conclusion was that less could be built. Goal was to find \$1M in savings in current schematic options.
 - New layout has attempted to combine spaces or eliminate rooms.
 - Color palette was presented again. Earth/Warm tones were preferred by Design Committee.
 - Square footage reduced from ~38,000ft² to ~32,000ft².

- Suggestion was given to view total space/costs with Sandpiper together instead of simply stand alone. This led to the discussion of total Kindergarten classrooms for two schools combined should be able to handle the expected Kindergarteners on Day 1 opening. Approximately 110 Kindergarteners are currently expected for 2008 with no reason to expect numbers will drop in 2009. Therefore six Kindergarten classrooms between Sandpiper and the New Shores School should be planned for.
- Kip identified ~750 ft² reduction possible for ~\$300k savings.
- Point of references: Cost of Kindergarten classrooms: \$500k per classroom; Cost of corridors in design ~\$780k. Cost of soccer field: \$350k; Cost of air conditioning: \$100-\$200k.
- Various options of corridors were presented.
- Committee discussed making specific recommendations.
- The following was put forward as the NSSAC recommendations to achieve cost reductions to close \$1M gap:
 1. Eliminate one K classroom (\$500k)
 2. Reduce total square footage by 750 (\$300k)
 3. Eliminate air conditioning (\$100-\$200k)

G. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – Doug Crisman, Committee Chair

- Community fundraising options: Not Discussed
- Max Keech noted that he is in the process of getting the final approvals from state and federal agencies. BCDC is causing some concerns.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- Agenda items for next meeting: None discussed.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Next meeting will be April 10.