



## **Minutes for Public Meeting** **NEW SHORES SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, July 10, 2008**  
**6:30 PM**

**LOCATION:**  
**Sandpiper Community Center**  
**Conference Room**  
**797 Redwood Shores Parkway**  
**Redwood City**

Meeting convened at 6:40 PM

### **A. ROLL CALL – Joseph Foust, Committee Secretary**

Representing Advisory Committee: Joe Foust, Pete Hughes, Bonnie Wolfe, Doug Crisman, Lawrence Pon, Scott Miron, Michelle Atno-Hall

Representing Belmont-Redwood Shores School District: Nellie Hungerford, Assistant Superintendent; Joe DiGeronimo, Consultant; Kip Grubb, SKW Architects; Doug Williams, Blach Engineering; Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri, Superintendent; Jeni Benelli, Board of Trustees

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of June 12, 2008: One error noted in draft minutes by Mrs. Hungerford. The budget for 2010-2011 is \$700K, not in 2009-2010 as the minutes state. Minutes were approved as modified with this correction.

### **C. MEMBER REPORT/COMMENTS**

- Pete Hughes recommended adding the naming of the new school as a discussion topic in New Business.

### **D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Guy McCord (504 Osprey) – Question about opening timeframe. Committee response: Goal is still to open by September 2009 and it is still realistic.
- Bob Wilson (908 Corriente) – Are we still within the \$25M budget? Response: By definition, we have to be. The design process followed a “design-to-cost” approach as much as practical. How does operating budget get funded? Response: District staff is working on that. School Force is the mechanism for the community to help support any funding shortfalls. Dr. Orta-Camilleri offered to forward Mr. Wilson’s name as possible Redwood Shores rep to School Force.

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

- State Funding appears slightly better.
- Haven't yet heard on property tax estimates for 2007-08 or 2008-09.
- Projecting a 5% increase for '07-'08 but some tax evaluation appeals may impact.
- Max Keech sent report of approvals via email on July 8. Status of approvals (per email) are as follows:
  - RWC Planning Commission: Approved Tentative Map and Planned Community Permit on June 17.
  - RWC Council: Approved Final Map and Subdivision Agreement on July 7.
  - BCDC: Issued permit on June 19.
  - FWS: Issued the Biological Opinion on July 3. This is a huge milestone and the permit that was most time uncertain!
  - RWQCB: Issued project certification for 21 day review on July 3. Certification should finalize on July 24
  - COE: Draft permit goes to Section Chief for signature this week. Should be signed and finalized a few days following July 24.
  - Recordation: Final Map, construction loan, bonds, etc. expected July 28 immediately following COE permit.
  - This means we should start construction on or about August 1 and barring any unforeseen delays should be on schedule (although admittedly tight) to turn over the school pad by years' end.
- Once all approvals received (~July 28), District will pay balance of \$9.8M into escrow for land.
- Ground breaking for school building could be January 1, 2009. Goal is still to drive to September 2009 Opening.

**F. FINAL DESIGN REVIEW – Kip Grubb, SKW Architects**

- Schematic design was reviewed via vu-graphs and hard copy printouts.

**G. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – Doug Crisman, Committee Chair**

- Bids for modular vendors expected to go out in ~3 weeks. Good estimate of building costs should be available within ~6 weeks.
- Opening may need to be phased, maybe 6 classrooms & Kindergarten in Fall 2009 and the remaining by January.
- Any possible options for fundraising could come out of final cost estimation.
- It was suggested that solar panels be incorporated into school design. Due to cost of such a project, it was suggested that maybe a small set could be used to supplement the curriculum.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

- Bond oversight meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on September 9, prior to the NSSAC meeting.
- Recommended to have a ground breaking ceremony in early August, when school pad gets started.
- Naming to be placed on agenda for next meeting. School configuration and fund raising also suggested as possible topics.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for September 9 (County Office of Education, Pine and Oak Conference Rooms)