



Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee  
April 25, 2018

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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Superintendent Sherry Kropp called the joint meeting of the Operations Steering Committee and Bond Feasibility Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Training Room.

Attendees

Jeff Barke	Sherry Kropp	Andrew Pulver	Nancy Nien
Chris Vlastic	Amy Belsha	Kristina Shafton	<u>Gregg Stone</u>
Chelsea Moore	Susan Prado	David Locke	Gary Willems
John Eclevia	Lauren DeNinno	Wendy Hernandez	Elvia Galicia
Roni Ellis	John Spiratos	Shelly Riekenberg	Danny Salas
Kelly Jones	Robert Briggerman	Thomas Motter	Teresa Blankenstein
Evelyn Garcia	Randy Hill	Lorraine Navarro	<u>Erin Kominsky</u>
David Bodell	Leanne Voigt	Tamara Smith	Susie Kim
Debbie Kaub	Rob Wigod	Craig Cartozian	<u>Darielle Tom</u>
Rochelle Fanali	Shoshana Dornblaser		

Welcome and Introductions

Sherry Kropp welcomed the committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state the site they represent.

Security Fencing Update

Dr. Kropp shared that all elementary school site fencing projects have been completed. Fencing at McAuliffe is in the final stages of installation. Fencing at the high school will be the last phase of this project. Technology is looking into the possibility for employees to have badges that can be scanned to enter through the gates.

Review of Information Mailer/Flyer Feedback

Rochelle Fanali from TBWB reviewed the results from the informational mailer survey that was sent out to district residents. Of the respondents, 70% felt that new funding resources were needed for the district and 62% currently have a family member attending LAUSD schools. It was noted that the majority of voters in the district do not currently have students attending district schools. Of the six priorities on the mailer, technology was deemed the most important with 77% of respondents ranking it as a high priority. Safety was second with 73%, modernization of the high school facilities was third with 63%, upgrading classrooms had 55%, replacing portables with permanent classrooms had 50% and heating/air conditioning improvements had 47% of respondents giving it a high priority. The results show that the respondents agree that all items listed on the mailer are issues that need to be addressed. Nearly

300 people responded either online or via mail. Rochelle noted that this is a good response rate to a mailer.

### Bond Process Update

Dr. Nien reviewed the bond process. The current goal is a bond of \$97 million which breaks down to \$34 per \$100,000 of assessed value for an average of \$156 per parcel. Several members of the Bond Feasibility Committee attended the March Board of Education Meeting to make a recommendation to move forward with the bond. Currently the District is working with bond counsel to draft the ballot resolution, project list and bond financing plans. These will be presented to the Board at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Board will vote whether to put the bond on the ballot and in August the final wave of communication will be disseminated.

### Campaign Committee

Dr. Kropp explained that the bond campaign committee must be run by community members. Brian Leibl and David Locke have volunteered to be co-chairs of the committee. Dr. Nien reviewed the campaign roles and encouraged community members and staff to participate. The bulk of the campaign work will take place in September through October. A large percentage of voters cast their ballots by mail making it important to do a lot of the campaign work in September. TBWB will provide their expertise throughout the campaign. Once the ballot measure goes to the County, district funds can no longer be spent to fund the bond efforts. In May all campaign leadership and school site leaders will be identified and campaign paperwork will be filed. Then fundraising will begin. In September the grassroots campaign begins including phone banking, precinct walking and friend-to-friend emailing.

### Closing Remarks

Dr. Kropp thanked everyone for attending and summarized the bond timeline.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Training Room