



## Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee  
January 31, 2018

### MEETING SUMMARY

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Nancy Nien, Assistant Superintendent, called the meeting of the Operations Steering 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	Heidi Olshan	<u>Gregg Stone</u>
Christy Berthon	Anne Vida	Amy Laughlin	Jason Farvour
John Eclevia	Lynne Kass	Wendy Hernandez	Elvia Galicia
Teri Malpass	John Spiratos	Shelly Riekenberg	Danny Salas
Kelly Jones	Cheryl O'Neill	Marlene Wagoner	Kiva Spiratos
Chris Vlastic	Jill Johnson	Lorraine Navarro	Cara Vienna
Randy Hill	Philip DeMatteo	Tamara Smith	Nelson Wu
David Bodell	Leanne Voigt	Brian Leibl	Susie Kim
Nicole Nixon	Rob Wigod	Craig Cartozian	Darielle Tom
Megan Avalos	<u>Debbie Kaub</u>	Rochelle Fanali	Shoshana Dornblaser

#### Welcome and Introductions

Assistant Superintendent Nancy Nien welcomed the committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state the site they represent.

#### District Priorities

Dr. Kropp reviewed the five District Priority Goals: Academic Achievement, Safety, Communication, Budget and Facilities. She explained that the Operations Steering Committee focuses on Budget and Facilities which supports the educational goals of the District.

#### Facilities/Maintenance Update

Dr. Nien presented an update on current facilities projects. New playground equipment is being installed at Weaver, Lee and Los Alamitos Elementary. The track at McAuliffe has been replaced and grass areas districtwide have been aerated and seeded. Projects at the high school include: renovation of room 803, CTE classroom and baseball field maintenance.

#### Security Measures

All campuses require staff to wear picture I.D. badges and all visitors must sign in at the schools' main offices. The high school has a dedicated School Resource Officer on site. All elementary schools now have security fencing with buzz-in entry gates and video cameras have been

installed at the high school.

### New Projects

Dr. Kropp shared that if the Board moves forward with the bond, additional security measures would be possible, such as installing cameras at all school sites. Renovation of the high school pool will be taken to the next Board meeting for approval. The high school infrastructure project will require passage of a bond. The plan is to create one power substation with five distribution substations. Other new projects include replacement of two CDC/Kindergarten playgrounds and expansion of the Lee Elementary School parking lot. An unused playground area will be converted to additional parking without losing any grass area.

### Bond Process Update

Dr. Nien outlined the voter demographics in our district. Half of registered voters are aged 55 and older and 58% are permanent absentee voters. This, along with the fact that 80% of residents do not have students in our schools, are important considerations when planning a campaign. Dr. Nien introduced Rochelle Fanali from TBWB, our campaign strategist. She explained the importance of running a strong campaign and that information must be disseminated to voters well before a measure is placed on the ballot.

Dr. Nien explained the effect of AB195. This newly passed legislation dictates specific requirements of the language used in ballot measures. Dr. Nien also presented multiple bonding scenarios, indicating that the \$97 million option was the most likely to be approved by the Board.

The Bond Feasibility Committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding the bond in February. In late February an information mailer about facilities needs will be mailed out to garner community input. A second wave of communication may possibly be mailed out in June as the final opportunity for community input. In July the Board will vote whether to place a bond on the November ballot. A final wave of informational communication announcing the Board action and providing specifics about the bond measure and upcoming election would go out in August.

Dr. Nien gave an overview of the campaign committee structure and volunteer opportunities. The campaign will be privately funded and coordinated.

### Review of Information Mailer

TBWB produced an informational mailer to be sent to all registered voters. The committee divided into groups and worked together to review the mailers and provide feedback. The groups' input will be combined with the expertise provided by TBWB to refine the mailer.

### Board Speakers/Campaign Committee

Dr. Kropp passed around a sign-up sheet for bond campaign volunteers. She and Rochelle Fanali explained the importance of working as a team to pass along information regarding the bond to maximize voter support.

### Closing Remarks

Dr. Nien thanked everyone for attending and for their input on the mailer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Training Room