



Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee
October 18, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

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

David Boyer	Sherry Kropp	Andrew Pulver	Nancy Nien
Gregg Stone	Amy Belsha	Melissa Miller	Robert Briggerman
Ann Allen	Anne Vida	Amy Laughlin	Jason Farvour
John Eclevia	Cathy Larson	Wendy Hernandez	Elvia Galicia
Teri Malpass	John Spiratos	Shelly Riekenberg	Evelyn Garcia
Kelly Jones	Cheryl O'Neill	Marlene Wagoner	Chelsea Moore
Chris Vlastic	Susie Kim	Krystin Braithwaite	Erin Kominsky
Randy Hill	Mitch Banales	Tamara Smith	Kathy Larson
David Bodell	Christine Ivie	Ken Ivie	Denise Zasadny
Deborah Kaub	Gary Willems	Susan Prado	Darielle Tom
Megan Avalos	Shoshana Dornblaser		

Welcome and Introductions

Assistant Superintendent Nancy Nien welcomed the committee and asked them to introduce themselves and state the site(s) which they represent.

Facilities Master Plan

Sherry Kropp reviewed District Priority Goal #5 which is optimizing the use of District Facilities by improving maintenance, planning, and Joint Use Agreements. Two million dollars a year has been budgeted for deferred maintenance. All schools have been modernized with the exception of the high school. Prior to 2008, \$32 million was spent on construction of the two-story building at the high school and some infrastructure. Measure K, which passed in 2008 with 65% support, allowed the District to address the most urgent needs. The ten-year Facilities Master Plan was presented at the October 10th Board Meeting and the architect is currently making the requested revisions. The most urgent needs at the high school are replacement of the 50 year old infrastructure, replacement of portable classrooms with a multi-story building and new science classrooms. Other school sites needs are primarily multi-purpose rooms, shade structures, tracks and playgrounds. Dr. Kropp presented the architect's drawings of possible projects at each school site. She emphasized that the projects have not yet been approved. This is only a first draft to determine what the costs would be for various options. The Board will now have to determine which projects are most crucial.

Voter Survey

Dr. Nien described the voter survey which was conducted from September 25th to October 2nd. TBWB and TrueNorth Research were hired to obtain community input as to the feasibility of introducing a bond in either June or November of 2018. The goal was to survey 400 randomly selected registered voters, but they were able to complete 652 surveys which were done by both phone and email. On average, surveys took 17 minutes each. A full report will be presented at the November 14th Board Meeting.

Bond Feasibility Committee

The Board members will review the findings of the voter survey and then pass on the information to the Bond Feasibility Committee who will brainstorm and make a recommendation to the Board based on feedback from voters/residents of the community.

Closing Comments

Questions were asked regarding the proposed new building and the portables at the high school. If the Board does not go forward with a bond, upgrades to the high school will have to be reprioritized based on the available funds which will certainly not cover all the needs that have been identified. State matching funds will possibly help add to the resources required. There is no limit to how often a bond can be introduced, but it must be carefully considered if there is to be a good chance of being passed by the voters. Bonds are one of the few taxes that remain local and the voters decide how they funds are spent. The Citizens' Oversight Committee monitors bond expenditures.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – District Office Training Room
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – District Office Training Room