



Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee
April 26, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

Sherry Kropp, 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	Diana D. Hill	Sherry Kropp	Patricia L. Meyer
Richard Ingrassia	Amy Belsha	Ondrea Reed	Robert Briggerman
Susie Kim	Jana Ward	Amy Laughlin	Daniel Salas
John Eclevia	Nikki Evans	Wendy Hernandez	Elvia Galicia
Teri Malpass	Kiva Spiratos	Christy Ricks	Evelyn Garcia
Kelly Jones	Cheryl O'Neill	Marlene Wagoner	Chelsea Moore
Jennifer Burrell	Lauren Sosenko	Nicole Nixon	Erin Kominsky
Randy Hill	Michael Keller	Tamara Smith	Krista Hall
David Bodell	Brandon Martinez	Ann Allen	Denise Zasady
Jill Johnson	Daniele Petrick	Jodie Wood	Kristine Olmstead
Darielle Tom	Jackie Dominick	Beth Lyons	Randall Kinney
Megan Avalos	Gail Dessert		

Welcome and Introductions

Deputy Superintendent Patricia Meyer welcomed the committee and asked them to introduce themselves and state the site(s) which they represent.

Visit to Arcadia USD

Superintendent Sherry Kropp gave a slide presentation of the committee's recent visit to Arcadia Unified School District, a District whose high school has recently undergone extensive modernization. Arcadia High School is three times as large as Los Alamitos High School, with twice the parking available. Several photos were shown of their updated performing arts center, gymnasium, large outdoor pool (without bleachers), large training room, study hall, science labs with lecture rooms, two band rooms, dance rooms, and more. It was very impressive, but the question remains: What is feasible for our students? What are our needs?

Facilities Master Plan

Patricia Meyer directed the committee to the handouts in their meeting packets entitled "Facilities Master Plan-Identification of Needs". Each handout contained a list of facilities "wants" verses "needs" for our elementary schools, middle schools, and high school, as determined by Rachlin Partners, who held over 30 meetings with approximately 150 people providing input for the Facilities Master Plan. The goal tonight was to determine, by engaging in three exercises, what the committee's top facilities priorities might be. The committee broke into groups of three and filled out a "Priorities" sheet, listing their top 15 facilities priorities. Once completed, Ms. Meyer collected the sheets, and Rachlin Partners will now begin to summarize

prioritized items to provide input to the Board in May, who will make a final prioritization determination.

Voter Survey

Sherry Kropp stated that we have extraordinary programs but our facilities are an issue. We need to start communicating our needs to the community, particularly Los Alamitos High School's infrastructure and portables deficiencies. She suggested we retain specialists who will create a survey to be done via telephone and online to determine whether the community will support a bond, if not for general use, then one that will support specific needs, such as the High School's aging infrastructure or the replacement of portable classrooms. Once this is done, the Board of Education will meet to decide what to do, and whether or not to move forward on a bond campaign.

Bond Feasibility Committee

To this end, Dr. Kropp suggested the idea of a Bond Feasibility Committee to help get the word out. This committee would be comprised of a diverse group of individuals from within our community who would meet 4 times a year to do the kind of work that the Operations Steering Committee did this evening (i.e., brainstorming, prioritization of facilities needs, etc.) Dr. Kropp would like to host a town hall meeting in June or July and would call upon the Bond Feasibility Committee to assist. She provided her email address asked for volunteers.

Closing Comments

When Dr. Kropp finished, several questions were asked, such as "Can I serve on the Bond Feasibility Committee if I don't have kids in the schools?" and "When will the four meetings take place?" Board of Education members David Boyer and Diana Hill offered helpful comments and reminded the committee that it is our responsibility to protect our most important assets, our students and our schools.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, October 18*, 2017 – District Office Training Room

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – District Office Training Room

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – District Office Training Room

*This meeting has been rescheduled from October 25, 2017