



Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee  
February 1, 2017

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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Sherry Kropp, Superintendent, called the meeting of the Operations Steering Committee to order at 6:35 p.m. in the District Office Training Room.

Attendees

David Boyer	Diana D. Hill	Sherry Kropp	Patricia L. Meyer
Andrew Pulver	Brandon Martinez	Randy Hill	David Bodell
Richard Ingrassia	Nicole Nixon	John Eclevia	Tara Faragain
Deborah Kaub	Cathy Larson	Gregg Stone	Kiva Spiratos
Elvia Galicia	Megan Avalos	Chris Vlasic	Krystin Braithwaite
Kristen McQuillen	Christy Ricks	Teri Malpass	Amy Belsha
Robert Briggerman	Darielle Tom	Amy Laughlin	Melissa Miller
Pandora Broumand	Kristine Olmstead	Heidi Olshan	Cheryl O'Neill
Tamara Smith	Genevieve B. Murphy	Leanne Voigt	Krista Hall
Issaic Gates	Bret Plumlee	Susie Kim	Michael Keller
Mitchell Banales	Marlene Wagoner	Danny Salas	Daniele Petrick
Jackie Dominick	Erin Kominsky	Annie Allen	Carrie Ann Rettberg
Kelly Jones	Van Sarquiz	Nikki Evans	Denise Zasadny
Gail Dessert			

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Sherry Kropp introduced Deputy Superintendent Patricia Meyer, who welcomed the committee and asked them to introduce themselves and state the site(s) which they represent.

Facilities Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Ms. Meyer gave a presentation and brief history of some of the facility upgrades that have taken place since 2003. At that time, the District did a major modernization of Los Alamitos High School and built two (2) two-story buildings which provided 26 classrooms. This work was done prior to receiving Measure K funds and, as a result, many important upgrades were not done, such as utilities, HVAC and duct work, kitchens, the Performing Arts Center, and more. In 2004, we began a much needed modernization of McGaugh Elementary School, again prior to Measure K dollars. When Measure K passed in 2008, it was for \$126 million dollars and afforded us the opportunity to apply for an additional \$24 million in State matching funds. With these monies, we fully modernized every other school site in our District except Los Alamitos High School. Now, the District is considering the need of further modernization and has asked Rachlin Partners to provide a Facilities Master Plan to assist in this process.

Richard Ingrassia of Rachlin Partners walked the committee through the Facilities Master Plan process, which involves five basic steps: (1) Physical Needs Assessment; (2) interviews with user groups; (3) evaluation of data collected from user groups; (4) budgeting; and (5) creation of a timeline. A previous assessment was done 2006, but it has been eight years and the District felt an obligation to take another look at all of our sites to reevaluate the condition of the facilities.

We are currently in step 2 of the process. Focus groups were established at each site made up of faculty, staff, and parents, and we are receiving excellent feedback. At the end of each step, Rachlin Partners will make a presentation or provide a workshop to the Board of Education showing their findings. Rachlin Partners will be making such a presentation at the regular Board of Education Meeting on February 7, 2017.

#### Los Alamitos High School Tour

Prior to the tour, Superintendent Kropp highlighted some of the facilities needs at the high school, such as the need for infrastructure upgrades as well as the need for an additional two-story building to provide more classrooms. Dr. Kropp noted that we have portables that are so old that they are unusable; our Science teachers do not have enough labs and are continually asked to trade classrooms; we have only one gym, and it's small; our aquatics center is so outdated that we cannot host water polo games here-we must have our games at other schools using their pools. In spite of the fact that we have spent \$50 million at the high school since 2003, there is much left to be done and the needs are greater now than ever as Los Alamitos High School is turning 50 years old this year.

Board Member David Boyer took a few moments to thank Patricia Meyer and Richard Ingrassia for completing all Measure K projects "on time and on budget"; however, he reiterated that our facilities are still in desperate need of upgrading in so many areas, and he asked the committee to keep this in mind as they took their tour of the campus. At this point, the committee left for their tour.

#### Tour Debrief/Next Steps

When the committee returned, Dr. Kropp mentioned the possibility of taking a tour of a local high school campus that has been upgraded/modernized, and she asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in doing so. It appeared that the majority of the committee was in favor of the idea, and they were told by Dr. Kropp that they would be notified via email if/when this could be arranged.

#### Closing Comments

None

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

#### Future Meeting Dates

April 26, 2017 – District Office Training Room