



LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE-MEASURE K MEETING
Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956 and Education Code Section 35144, the Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to conduct its business meeting at the Education Center, 11321 Bullis Road, Board Room B-105, B-106, Lynwood, California, 90262.

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Paulette Bradley
Jackie Espinoza
Edwin Hernandez
Eugene Jackson
Edith Ornelas
Vincent Osby
Mayra Scott

C. Approval of October 23, 2014 COC Meeting Minutes

D. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

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No action may be taken and no discussion held on items raised by the public except as provided in GC§54954.2 (b).

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Per Board Policy #9323 Three (3) Minutes May be Allotted to Each Speaker to address all their items. If translation services are required, please state that, and an additional one (1) Minute will be allotted. **Approach the lectern and give your name and address.**

The public has the opportunity to address the Board on any item appearing on the agenda or not on the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to fill out a **Public Comment Form** located at the sign-in area, and submit the completed form to the administrative assistant prior to start of meeting.

Those who have a group concern are encouraged to select a spokesperson to address the Board. A copy of the full agenda is available for view at the Reception Desk area of the district office at 11321 Bullis Rd., Lynwood, California, 90262. Also, at the district web site: <http://www.lynwood.k12.ca.us>.

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E. REPORTS

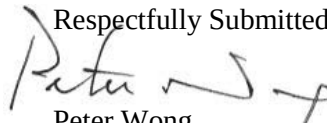
- 13-14 Audit Report – by Auditor
- Facility Update – by Del Terra
- Financial Report – by Mr. Peter Wong

F. FUTURE AGENDA

G. ADJOURNMENT

Time:

Respectfully Submitted,


Peter Wong
Chief Business Official

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Thursday, October 23, 2014

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Board Room, Education Center
11321 Bullis Road
Lynwood, California 90262

Call to Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee was held on Thursday, October 24, 2013. COC President, Mr. Edwin Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m. and took the roll.

Paulette Bradley
Jackie Espinoza
Edwin Hernandez
Eugene Jackson
Edith Ornelas
Vincent Osby
Mayra Scott

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Edith Ornelas moved to approve the COC Agenda for July 24, 2014; Ms. Paulette Bradley seconded. Item passed with 7-0 votes.

Public Comment/Communication – None

Recognition/Acknowledgements

Mr. Edwin Hernandez recognized the presence of LUSD Board Members Mr. Gary Hardie, Jr. and Ms. Briseida Gonzalez.

REPORTS

• ***Facility Planning and Construction Projects Update - by Del Terra***

Mr. Peter Wong reported on the COC visit to school sites on September 13, 2014. Ms. Bradley asked if the LUSD Board has been notified of the committee's findings, particularly those concerning Lynwood High School. This list of findings was also sent to the Superintendent.

Mr. Wong confirmed the BOE's receipt of the COC's campus tour report. He reported that the MOT Dept has started addressing the issues raised. Mr. Wong explained that multiple factors contribute to the current conditions of facilities, particularly the gym at LHS (i.e., weather conditions, student traffic, food and beverage spillage, need for timely upkeep and maintenance with the use of the right cleaning equipment/tools).

Mr. Hernandez reminded Mr. Wong of the committee's observation of the poor conditions of the lockers and shower facilities. Mr. Wong explained that this issue has not yet been addressed, especially since this kind of work needs DSA approval. Mr. Hernandez argued that the issues raised seem to be more of a maintenance issue. Mr. Osby agreed with Mr. Hernandez and added that there is also a need for timely trash disposal. Ms. Espinoza asked who is being held accountable for these maintenance issues and the quality of custodial work? Ms. Bradley commented that she expected more disarray at the elementary schools but not at the high school campuses. She said this reflects an attitude problem – a lack of appreciation for what has been done for the students.

Mr. Wong shared that there will be changes in the custodial/maintenance crew and hiring of additional staff, if necessary, to help address these issues. He also foresees a change at the supervisory level for the Maintenance Department. Changes in the gym will include replacement of paper towel dispensers.

Ms. Espinoza thanked Del Terra for serving breakfast on the day of the campus tour. She also expressed gratitude to Mr. Peter Wong for driving the committee to the school sites.

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Ms. Virginia Campos, of Del Terra, thanked the COC members who participated in the school site visit. She hoped that the committee was pleased with the projects done and proud of what was produced for the students of LUSD. She also appreciated the COC's feedback and input. Ms. Campos said Del Terra will keep its commitment to this committee, to the BOE, and to the Lynwood community.

Ms. Susan Trevizo, of Del Terra, presented the 3rd Facilities Quarterly Report, ending September 30, 2014. (Full report is posted on the website.)

Ms. Bradley asked if there are plans to build a "more decent cafeteria" for students at Lynwood Middle School? MR. Wong said that the District has more needs than what the actual funding resources can cover. The Board makes the decision of what work needs to be prioritized by gathering the input of different stakeholders. Ms. Bradley asked if there are sources of funding for this purpose, other than the Measure K monies. She also inquired if this is something that the District can lobby for in Sacramento. Mr. Wong explained that the construction funding was allocated for larger projects, not for small ones like the cafeteria cited by Ms. Bradley. He added that only funds from GO bonds can cover for this type of expenditure. Even for that matter, there is no guarantee what projects the bond money will be spent on. Mr. Wong committed to relay Ms. Bradley's concern for the cafeteria situation at LMS to the BOE. He assured the COC that the Board's decision was fair, equitable and was focused on safety and health issues.

Ms. Trevizo continued on her report which included completed and future projects, before-and-after pictures, and project timelines.

Ms. Bradley thanked Del Terra and Mr. Wong for the presentation and explained that the committee's intent is to gather information and report back to the community. Mr. Jackson added that the committee's goal is to be transparent and open to the community. He said most of the issues that they bring up have been questions the community has had for many years. Ms. Espinoza thanked Del Terra for the extensive reports and visuals provided. She said the students will definitely feel the difference in their learning environment and will have a sense of pride for what was made available to them.

- ***Financial Update & Bond Sales – by Mr. Peter Wong***

Mr. Wong presented the Financial Report reflecting expenditures through October 17, 2014 (posted on the website). In addition, Mr. Wong highlighted that the new buildings at Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools were completed on time and within budget. Any funds unspent for this purpose need to be returned to the State. He also shared that work resulting from an energy conservation study and in connection to Prop 39 funding will also soon take place.

ORALS from COC Members

Ms. Edith Ornelas thanked the Board Members who are present tonight. She also thanked Del Terra, Mr. Wong, and Ms. Ormeo for preparing for the presentations tonight. She said that as a resident near Lincoln ES, she is pleased to see all the progress made, especially how clean and well-maintained the schools are. She was grateful to have a Spanish interpreter at this meeting and for the updated information posted on the website.

Ms. Paulette Bradley complimented the presenters for the well-organized presentation and materials shared. She shared how she has sat and served on different committees, "where confusion was the norm". This is not true of the COC meetings. She appreciates the clarity and organization of the presentations.

Ms. Jackie Espinoza thanked the Board Members for their attendance tonight. She also expressed gratitude to Del Terra for their patience in dealing with the COC members. She said she has not receive any more complaints or questions from the community. She reminded administration to make sure the Teleparent notice was sent out regarding COC meetings.

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Ms. Mayra Scott echoed the same gratitude her colleagues have for Del Terra and LUSD staff.

Mr. Vincent Osby was also grateful for the presentations tonight.

Mr. Edwin Hernandez thanked the LUSD Board Members again for coming tonight. He said the Board of Education has “taken the beating from residents”. He commended the BOE for listening to the community and for allowing the COC to be part of these endeavors. He hopes the Board Members present tonight takes back to their colleagues the LMS cafeteria issue that was brought up and that something can be done about it.

Mr. Hernandez also expressed the COC’s goal to be part of the Board meetings. He said that since the community doesn’t come to the COC meetings, their presentation to the BOE, especially of their findings after the school site visit, is another avenue for sharing to Lynwood residents what has been done with their tax monies.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

- Teleparent Notice for the next COC Meeting on January 22, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vincent Osby moved to adjourn the COC meeting; Ms. Ornelas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Peter Wong
Chief Business Official