



DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Subject: January 22, 2026 - McClymonds Facilities Community Meeting Summary

Thank you to everyone who joined the most recent McClymonds community meeting focused on overall project status updates for the modernization project. Below is a summary of key updates and information shared by OUSD staff and Facilities team members. For those who did not attend, we encourage you to join a future meeting.

Meeting Discussion

There were two staff members in attendance as well as Laura Robell, Deputy Network Superintendent. The meeting was an open forum where attendees asked mostly clarifying questions to the project update provided in the previous day's McClymonds Staff Professional Development meeting. In addition to the questions asked below, discussions were held around investigating new marketing strategies to engage the parents. The two staff members are planning a Parent Empowerment Hour event during the third Thursday in March, and requested the Project Team to present up-to-date findings to the families.

The staff present also remarked on regaining some use of the closed-off spaces, as sharing spaces has been challenging, and noted a need for more furniture. Deputy Network Superintendent Robell noted there is a lack of furniture district-wide, and the discussion continued on potential solutions.

Meeting Questions and Responses

Q1: I understand there is a new start date for construction. Is this true?

A1: Yes, in part. We are scheduled to meet with the Division of the State Architect (DSA) reviewers on February 24, 2026, and anticipate approval of the designs to come shortly thereafter. After DSA approval, the team can negotiate pricing with the selected General Contractor on the approved scope of work, bring the final pricing in a contract to the Board of Education for approval, and then construction can begin! We expect to be able to start construction spring 2026.

Meeting Questions and Responses Continued...

Q2: We, the staff members, are not receiving project updates. Is it possible to get more information?

A2: Yes, the project team provides meeting summaries via Parent Square. In addition, we will be forwarding the meeting summary to Mr. McGee directly for staff distribution.

Q3: Do you have to report to the Board?

A3: Yes, the Department provides regular updates to the Board, and the Board is responsible for reviewing and approving the contracts that allow construction to begin. We expect to bring contracts to the Board for consideration in April 2026.

Q4: What about campus security during this time?

A4: We are contracting with Elite Security, which is a local business; the owner is a McClymonds alum, and we have had a great track record working with them here in West Oakland.

Q5: When will we be able to see the materials that will be used on the track?

A5: Once all the field sample materials are available, the Department will arrange a meeting so the school community can view and feel the materials.

Q6: How often do you meet with DSA?

A6: Leadership has a quarterly meeting with the supervisor divisions of DSA. The next meeting is scheduled for March.

Next Steps

- The Project Team will send the meeting summary to Mr. McGee for him to distribute. Mr. McGee will place the information in the teacher's lounge for staff.
- The Project team will attend the **Parent Empowerment Hour on March 19th** to present project updates, in lieu of the March monthly meeting.
- The Project team will meet with DSA for the final review meeting on February 24, 2026, and present the GMP to the OUSD Board.

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