

**7/11 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PURSUANT TO EDUCATION CODE SECTION 17387**



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
5:30 p.m.

Carmel Del Mar School
12345 Carmel Park Drive, San Diego, CA 92130

Organizational Items

Call to Order – *Time:* 5:37 p.m.

In Attendance: Jennifer Emberger, Janet Handzel, Wayne Harris, Susan Paul, Cinda Peck, Bob Shopes, Randy Wheaton, and Shirley Bales admin assistant.

Also In Attendance: Heidi Niehart, Deb Muns-Park, Lana Feng, Kelli Politoske, Mary Farrell, Cathy Ingrassia, Katherine Weidman, Dan Picker, Jim Jones, Estela de Ilanos, Robert Martindale, Cindy Edgerly, Juli Oh, Elizabeth Prag, Ed Rodriguez, Jeanette Nichols, Doug Rafner, Darlene Klugherz, Vicki Hutchison, Sonia Nayak, Karen Stangland, Amy Hellenkamp, John Garvey, Kyung Bhattacharja.

Flag Salute: Led by Shirley Bales

Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Susan Paul, seconded by Jennifer Emberger, the committee unanimously approved the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

After a brief discussion regarding District Office square footage needs, upon Motion by Jennifer Emberger, seconded by Cinda Peck, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 30, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Old and New Business, Presentations

Review current room usage at school sites

Chair Bob Shopes and Member Randy Wheaton presented a Raw Data Site Room Use worksheet which listed every single room at each school in the district and what it is used for, current as of Monday, October 12.

Chair Shopes presented a DMUSD Rooms 2009 spreadsheet which coalesced the Raw Data Site Room Use information into one Excel spreadsheet. This was presented as one way to look at surplus space in the district, and is merely data for information only. The Board of Trustees will make any decisions on which rooms may be considered essential or not.

Review Existing Proposals

Tabled until the November 4 meeting.

Consider New Proposals

Members Bob Shopes and Wayne Harris presented a new "What If" proposal entitled "DMUSD Space Analysis Non-closure Options" dated 10-21-09. This proposal looked at various scenarios of making minor modifications at existing schools, to see what rooms opens up and what district needs could fit into those existing rooms, assuming a room size of approximately 1,000 square feet. With minor modifications, these proposals can obtain blocks of 8 to 10 rooms in the district schools for use as District administration offices.

If Not Relocating Any Students:

At Ashley Falls, District Office 9 rooms available, Preschool at Sycamore Ridge, Maintenance at Del Mar Hills, Childcare Administration and Technology at Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Hills or Torrey Hills.

At Torrey Hills, District Office 8 rooms available, Preschool at Sycamore Ridge, Maintenance at Del Mar Hills, Childcare Administration and Technology at Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights or Del Mar Hills.

District Offices 10 rooms available at Del Mar Hills with 3 new District Office portables, Preschool at Sycamore Ridge, Maintenance offsite, Childcare Administration and Technology at Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights or Torrey Hills.

Move Special Day Class from Carmel Del Mar to Ashley Falls:

Adds 4 rooms for a total of 8 at Carmel Del Mar, Preschool at Sycamore Ridge, Maintenance at Del Mar Hills, Childcare Administration and Technology at Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Hills or Torrey Hills.

Move Special Day Class and 15CD from Carmel Del Mar to Ashley Falls:

Adds 6 room for a total of 10 at Carmel Del Mar for District Offices, Preschool at Sycamore Ridge, Maintenance at Del Mar Hills, Childcare Administration and Technology to Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Hills or Torrey Hills.

Preschool at Carmel Del Mar, District Offices (10) at Sycamore Ridge or Del Mar Hills (add 3 new District Office portables), or District Office 8 rooms at Torrey Hills, Maintenance at Del Mar Hills, Childcare Administration and Technology to Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights or Torrey Hills.

Return Hills Transfer to Home School:

Adds 1 room for a total of 8 at Del Mar Hills for District Offices, or add 2 new portables for 10 District Office rooms at Del Mar Hills, Maintenance offsite, preschool at Sycamore Ridge, Childcare Administration and Technology at Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights or Torrey Hills.

Move Special Day Class from Torrey Hills to Ashley Falls:

Adds 3 rooms for a total of 11 rooms at Torrey Hills, District Offices 10 at Torrey Hills, Maintenance at Del Mar Hills, Preschool at Sycamore Ridge, Childcare Administration and Technology to Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights, or Del Mar Hills.

Move Special Day Class from Del Mar Heights to Ashley Falls, Move Del Mar Heights Transfers to Home Schools:

Adds 4 rooms for a total of 9 at Del Mar Heights--

Preschool at Del Mar Heights, Maintenance offsite, District Offices 10 at Hills (add 3 portables) or Sycamore Ridge, Childcare Administration and Technology at Ashley Falls, Sycamore Ridge or Torrey Hills

Preschool at Del Mar Heights, Maintenance at Del Mar Hills, District Offices 8 at Sycamore Ridge or Torrey Hills, Childcare Administration and Technology to Ashley Falls, Torrey Hills, Carmel Del Mar or Sycamore Ridge

Regarding these proposals, Members Shopes and Harris plan to refine their proposals to address:

Accessible to public?

Adequate Parking/traffic?

Security concerns?

Joint use, environmental or other legal issues?

Feasible to segregate for a preschool or District Offices

Can rooms be modified for a preschool or District Offices?

Is playground space ok for preschool?

Makes sense in the long term?

Where to spend remodeling dollars, newer or older schools?

Committee members discussed student security as one of the most important issues. Can District Offices be totally separately from school operation with gates, etc., to address student security needs? A second priority is long term use, a third priority to minimize disruption to special education. Some of these proposals require minor boundary modifications.

Committee members discussed another area of priority for the DAC is cost savings. These proposals also do not look at populations over time--Sycamore Ridge is projected to have enormous growth. There is decent space available now, but with growth in the future it would be only temporary housing for preschool. Also, Torrey Hills is located South of 56 and takes in Ocean Air overflow. With additional growth is occurring South of 56, solutions at Torrey Hills may not work in the long run.

The Committee also discussed how District Offices must stay within boundaries of school district, however, Maintenance does not need to stay within boundaries. Still that talks about real money, rental money out of operational money, and a net negative to budget. There are not many places to put Maintenance in DMUSD, either the blacktop at Del Mar Hills, or perhaps the southwest corner of Torrey Hills.

This proposal will be refined to one or two options to present to the Board showing how to satisfy the criteria of the least impact upon families and community. The 7-11 DAC may also list pros and cons of these alternatives.

The DAC needs at least another proposal for the Board of Trustees which saves the greatest amount of money possible.

Review Updated 7/11 DAC Charter

The 7/11 DAC Charter Criteria, page 3, was updated with a prioritized list based on the Board's most recent direction. The committee briefly discussed space needs for the District Offices, and spoke about the fact that Architect Frisco White will present further District Office space needs to the Board of Trustees on October 28.

Upon motion by Wayne Harris, seconded by Jennifer Emberger, the updated 7/11 DAC Charter was approved unanimously.

Other topics/questions from previous meeting and confirmation of next month's meeting dates, times and locations

The 7/11 DAC currently has one more meeting scheduled, on November 4. Whatever "What If Proposals" will be presented on November 4 will be emailed to Shirley Bales for posting to the DMUSD website.

Public Comment

Call for public comment:

1. Martha Cox, community member, former District employee, spoke of her concerns about the location of District offices, and that the 7-11 DAC and Board of Trustees need a long-range vision that will serve residents and staff for many years to come.
2. Lana Feng, Del Mar Hills parent, spoke that any school closure will have a negative impact on children and community, that Del Mar Hills is DMUSD's only Blue Ribbon School, and it would be a shame to close that school site.
3. Kelli Politoski, Ashley Falls parent, spoke on behalf of taxpayers and constituents in DMUSD and recommended Ashley Falls School be taken off the table for closure.
4. Doug Raffner, Ashley Falls parent, recommended the DAC inform the Board of Trustees they have not been provided proper data, and the DAC needs more time.
5. Heidi Neihart, Ashley Falls parent, asked where Facilitator Gayle Wayne was, spoke that the DAC has not received enough data, and the committee needs to determine per student operating costs at a facility before making recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
6. Cindy Edgerly, Ashley Falls parent, spoke of the lack of direction and clear guidelines this committee has received, and how can the committee make recommendations to the Board by December?

7. Elizabeth Prag, Del Mar Hills parent, spoke that combining Hills and Heights is not a suitable and responsible answer from a facility standpoint, as Del Mar Heights could not comfortably absorb those students.
8. Dan Picker, Ashley Falls parent, asked why he has not heard any discussion of a commercial building to house District Offices rather than destroy a school, chop up a school, or close a school, why not spend money making a school better.
9. Jim Jones, Ashley Falls parent, asked how much money to save to close a school. He has heard numbers ranging \$300K-\$500K. What is the committee trying to resolve? He would like to concrete numbers that the committee is trying to help the school district save \$1M, 1.5M.
10. Estele Dellanos, Del Mar Hills parent, thanked Chair Bob Shopes and everyone who has taken a fresh look to avoid any school closure. She spoke that the 7-11 DAC does not have reliable demographics, a business plan for preschool, nor space needs for District Offices.

Public Communication

The 7-11 Committee received email communication from:

Jennifer and Ernest Belezzuoli, Del Mar Hills Parents
Jana Stoudemire, Del Mar Hills community member and former parent
Amy Caterina, Del Mar Hills Parent

Information Items

Adjournment – *Time: 8:11 p.m.*

Upon motion to adjourn by Janet Handzel, seconded by Wayne Harris, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.