



# DMUSD PRESENTATION

## 7/11 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT SUMMARY

1/13/10

# 7/11 DAC Committee

## Members of the Committee

- Jennifer Emberger, parent, Del Mar Heights
- Janet Handzel, parent, Sage Canyon
- Wayne Harris, parent, Ashley Falls
- Susan Paul, DMUSD principal, Torrey Hills
- Cinda Peck, DMUSD music teacher, Carmel Del Mar & Ashley Falls
- Bob Shopes, parent, Del Mar Hills (Chairperson)
- Randy Wheaton, DMUSD facilities supervisor

## Alternates

- Scott Williams, Amy Nefouse, Lisa Lutz, Steven Brumer

## Meeting Facilitator

- Gayle Wayne

## Meeting Administrator

- Shirley Bales

# 7/11 District Advisory Committee's Documents on the District Website [www.dmusd.org](http://www.dmusd.org)

- Final Report
- Working and supporting documents including meeting minutes and audio recordings
- Public comments

# 7/11 District Advisory Committee's Assignment

- Evaluate potential school closure
- Consider district needs
  - District Office
  - M&O facility
  - Special needs preschool, employee childcare, expanded preschool.

# Assignment (Cont.)

- Analyze data
  - How might excess space used
  - consider enrollment demographics
  - consider space utilization data

# Criteria

- List of criteria was refined by the committee
- Board prioritized top four (no specific order):
  - Operating Costs
  - Cost Savings
  - Community Impact
  - Minimize Impacted Families and Students
- Additional criteria in final report

# Findings – Operating Costs

- Site operating costs dependent on teacher salaries and enrollment.
- Fixed operating costs more useful
- Fixed administrative operating costs per site per pupil ranged as follows:

School Site	\$ Costs Per Pupil	School Site	\$ Costs Per Pupil
Ashley Falls	\$971	Ocean Air	\$711
Carmel Del Mar	\$989	Sage Canyon	\$651
Del Mar Heights	\$995	Sycamore Ridge	\$1,149
Del Mar Hills	\$1,333	Torrey Hills	\$745

# Findings – Cost Savings

- Savings by eliminating lease costs using excess space for district functions.
- Closing a school annually saves approximately
  - \$400K in admin expenses
  - \$50K in utilities
  - Unknown amount in maintenance

## Findings – Cost Savings (cont.)

- Closure may eliminate one or two class sections
  - Results in a possible reduction in teaching staff
  - 7/11 DAC was directed not to consider changes in sections.
- Costs for environmental studies, permits, zoning changes not evaluated

# Findings – Community Impact

- Received large amount of public communication
- The committee noted with respect to closure:
  - Community's ties to school very strong
  - Loss of programs, school quality, sense of community
  - Critical loss to their respective community

# Findings – Community Impact (cont.) and Family and Student Impact

- Public concerns with all proposals regarding student safety, traffic, green space, crowded schools.
- Mello-Roos, joint use, residential zoning and community plans
- Closure would impact approximately 400 families and students by redirecting them then to a nearby school.

# Finding – Enrollment Trend

- Enrollment growth in DMUSD is expected to occur in the south and the east.

# Proposal Process

- Developed and discussed proposals
- Removed some proposals
- Held three public hearings for remaining six proposals.
- Remaining six proposals labeled B,C,E,F,G. 1, I
- Summaries as follows:

# Proposal B

## **Proposal B: Close Del Mar Hills**

In Favor: 5 (Wheaton, Peck, Paul, Harris, Handzel)

Against: 2 (Emberger, Shopes)

### *Synopsis*

- Close Del Mar Hills, move students to Del Mar Heights.
- Redistrict students in 16GJK area to Carmel Del Mar
- Reassign transfer students to neighborhood school
- Reassign Special Day Class (SDC) students from Del Mar Heights to Ashley Falls
- Place district office, M&O, and preschool at Del Mar Hills

# Proposal C

## **Proposal C: Co-Locate District Office at Del Mar Hills**

In Favor: 4 (Wheaton, Peck, Harris, Handzel)

Against: 3 (Emberger, Shopes, Paul)

### *Synopsis*

- Place District Office at Del Mar Hills
- Place M&O at Torrey Hills
- Place Technology and Childcare Administration at Ashley Falls
- Place Preschool at Sycamore Ridge
- Restrict Del Mar Hills to 14 sections

# Proposal E

## **Proposal E: Co-Locate District Office at Ashley Falls**

In Favor: 2: (Emberger, Paul)

Against: 5 (Shopes, Wheaton, Peck, Harris, Handzel)

### *Synopsis*

- Place District Office at Ashley Falls
- Place M&O at Del Mar Hills
- Place Childcare Administration at Torrey Hills
- Place Preschool at Sycamore Ridge

# Proposal F

## Proposal F: Co-Locate District Office at Carmel Del Mar

In Favor: 0

Against: 7 (Shopes, Wheaton, Peck, Harris, Handzel, Emberger, Paul)

### *Synopsis*

- Place District Office at Carmel Del Mar
- Redistrict students in the 15C and 15D and Special Day Classes from Carmel Del Mar to Ashley Falls
- Place M&O at Del Mar Hills
- Place Preschool at Sycamore Ridge

# Proposal G.1

## **Proposal G.1: Build a District Office at Torrey Hills**

In Favor: 2 (Emberger, Shopes)

Against: 5 (Wheaton, Peck, Harris, Handzel, Paul)

### *Synopsis*

- Build a new district office at Torrey Hills.
- M&O moves to the east blacktop of Del Mar Hills
- Place Preschool at Sycamore Ridge
- Technology remains at Del Mar Hills
- Childcare administration remains at Ashley Falls

# Proposal I

## **Proposal I: Close Del Mar Hills (alternate)**

- In Favor: 5 (Wheaton, Peck, Paul, Harris, Handzel)
- Against: 2 (Emberger, Shopes)

### *Synopsis*

- Close Del Mar Hills and move students to Del Mar Heights
- Redistrict students 16GJK attendance area to Carmel Del Mar
- Reassign transfer students to their neighborhood school
- Reassign Special Day Class (SDC) students from Del Mar Heights to Ashley Falls
- Place district office, M&O at Del Mar Hills
- Place preschool at Sycamore Ridge

# Final Recommendation

- The 7-11 DAC charter stated final recommendation must receive at least 80% of the vote (6 out of 7 if all members vote).
- Votes for the six proposals were taken on 12/18/09 and noted above.
- **No proposal met the standard to become a final recommendation.**