

# Minutes

## DMUSD Strategic Task Force – January 27, 2010

- Discussion about meeting times. Decision to meet bi-monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, from 7-9.
- Discussion about location. Decision to meet at CDM.
- Discussion regarding structure (i.e. sub-committees, ad hoc committees, etc.). Beth Westburg made a motion to form sub-committees to vet issues and report back to group. M. Carmosino 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion regarding goals. Short and long term plans, as well as addressing reserves and a transition plan should we lose Basic Aid. Scope of group is to address 4 areas identified by the Board. Broadening of scope would need Board approval.
- Discussion from Sharon McLean regarding Unity of Purpose. Group discussion of the questions set forth and our overall mission and goals.
  1. We adhere to the mission statement set forth by the Board
  2. That we clearly and consistently communicate
  3. Maximize the 'ROI' to value from this effort
  4. Legacy left behind of procedures that can be used in the future, community knowledge, and perceived as fair/reasonable, inclusive, responsive to the community and global thinkers.
  5. Leaving a change to go forward in a positive direction.
  6. Items proposed are equitable across all groups. South representation is minimal, so need to ensure transparency and communication. Push decision making back to the schools and allow Principals to make decisions about how change affects their particular school.
  7. Perception of unity of the community and alleviate the 'Hatfield vs. McCoy' image and give the impression of everyone working together to accomplish a common goal and instill trust in the data such that the decisions are supported.
- Dena Whittington discussion about budget issues and reviewed materials from committee, which are taken from the Board presentation and data on the website that is publicly available.
  1. Review of Financial Data, inclusive of Foundation revenue and expenditures.
- Review of comparison data from prior years for revenue limit and Basic Aid (property tax dependent). Audit report for year being presented for '08-'09. Received \$10.5M additional funding over revenue district. Property taxes have gone down, but our excess funding has increased since.
  1. Revenue: Local revenue includes special-ed funding (Fed, State, Local). We belong to NCC SELFA and they distribute money to districts and money we get goes into local revenue (along with Foundation, field trip revenue, etc.)

2. Expenditures: 81% for Instruction and Instruction related (special day classes). Pupil Services is health clerks; General Administration is DO staff; Plant Services is maintenance work paid out of restricted maintenance fund.
3. Revenue and Expense per Pupil: 09-10 Revenue \$9,567 and Expenditure \$9,782.
4. Expenditure by Object: 83% of expenditures are on Salary Benefits.
5. Deficit spending (projections): We are spending beyond 1/3 limit in 10-11, and will be back within guidelines 11-12.
6. Governor announced further cut to revenue limit districts. Recent announcement encourages supporting revenue limits and that every fair share we do is a reduction in State Revenue. Governor's budget still pending, but proposal gives us a double hit. All revenue districts received less money than their revenue limit.
7. Further discussion regarding financial data and various issues. Dena provided background and definitions for the common terminology used. Discussion about reporting procedures and ratings issues. County holds purse strings in terms of approval, and Board is under the direction of the County. Discussion about reserves minimum and that those dollars are not included in our figures, since we can't spend it.
8. Currently tracking two housing projects in Carmel Valley, but other new housing plans are not included because they are not solidified.
9. Review of 'Savings Being Explored Not Subject to Collective Bargaining' document and various areas already identified for potential cost savings, and prior analysis on the issue. Discussion of class size issues, benefit negotiations with teachers, and contract issues. If we lose Basic Aid, our \$11M reserves give us a year to make adjustments. Insufficient time to change programs by the next year.
10. Parcel tax discussion and regulations regarding process for elections/voting and difficulty in getting passed.
11. Discussion regarding site 9 and ETA for completion. Not concrete.
12. Discussion regarding power savings. Regulated through FCC and set by SDG&E.

**TASKS:**

1. Sharon to confirm whether this committee is a Brown Act committee.
2. Melanie to provide minutes for review.
3. Sharon to establish an email specific to this group.