



Evergreen School District

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Minutes of Meeting – Facilities Advisory Committee District Office (Teacher Learning Center)

3188 Quimby Road
San Jose, CA 95148

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Thursday, March 30, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Committee Members:

	Chanice Mason (Secretary)		Brian Wheatley
	Melissa Shelton-Biscardi		Gracie Garcia-Ramos
	Linda Mora		Jane Martin
	Niraj Gopal		Barry Schimmel (Co-Chairperson)
	Stacy Johnston		Pauline Benton (Chairperson)
	Carlos Da Silva		

Alternates:

	Bob Moore (Alternate 1)
	Nguyen Quach (Alternate 2)
	Thiagarajan Lakshmanan (Rajan) (Alternate 3)

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL/OUORUM

Roll Call (9 members of 11 were present at roll call)

X	Chanice Mason (Secretary)		Brian Wheatley
X	Melissa Shelton-Biscardi	X	Gracie Garcia-Ramos
X	Linda Mora	X	Jane Martin
X	Niraj Gopal		Barry Schimmel (Co-Chairperson)
X	Stacy Johnston	X	Pauline Benton (Chairperson)
X	Carlos Da Silva		

Alternates:

	Bob Moore (Alternate 1)
	Nguyen Quach (Alternate 2)
	Thiagarajan Lakshmanan (Rajan) (Alternate 3)

The following members were absent:

	Brian Wheatley
	Barry Schimmel

Alternates:

	Bob Moore (Alternate 1)
	Nguyen Quach (Alternate 2)
	Thiagarajan Lakshmanan (Rajan) (Alternate 3)

FLAG SALUTE

Lead by Pauline Benton

COMMUNICATION

None

Public Comments:

Kevin Larsen – Requested to know what each committee member does for a living and what their email addresses are.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/IMMEDIATE ACTION

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/16/17:

Public Comments:

Kevin Larsen - Please post the Board of Trustee member's, Bonnie Mace, questions to the school website and give more detail in the minutes on the discussion of the questions which occurred during the March 16, 2017 meeting.

A motion by Melissa Shelton-Biscardi to approve the meeting minutes with no changes.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0 Vote, 0 – Opposed, 0 - Abstain

Ten – Ayes: Chanice Mason, Linda Mora, Stacy Johnston, Carlos Da Silva, Jane Martin, Melissa Shelton-Biscardi, Niraj Gopal, Gracie Garcia-Ramos, Pauline Benton

None – Opposed

None - Abstain

Absent – Brian Wheatley, Barry Schimmel

Approval of Public Meeting Minutes from 3/23/17:

Public Comments:

Kevin Larsen – Expressed his opinion that the public hearing should have been translated in Spanish with audio devices for people who required them.

A motion by Gracie Garcia-Ramos to approve the public hearing minutes with no changes.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0 Vote, 0 – Opposed, 0 - Abstain

Ten – Ayes: Chanice Mason, Linda Mora, Stacy Johnston, Carlos Da Silva, Jane Martin, Melissa Shelton-Biscardi, Niraj Gopal, Gracie Garcia-Ramos, Pauline Benton

None – Opposed

None - Abstain

Absent – Brian Wheatley, Barry Schimmel

PENDING REPORTS/AGENDA ITEM

Pauline Benton (Chairperson)

- 6.1 A discussion/review of the public comments presented to the FAC members at the public hearing held on March 23, 2017. The committee reviewed the budget and demographer slides and once again agreed that revenue generating idea specifics should be advised by a real estate specialist to the board of trustees.

Public Comment:

Kevin Larsen - Expressed his opinion that the Spanish community was unable to be represented at the public hearing because translators were not present. He also expressed that the public hearing should have been held at Dove Hill Elementary School and Laurelwood Elementary School.

- 6.2 The committee members discussed the format of the board of trustees' presentation for April 13, 2017.

Jane Martin expressed that whatever campuses are decided to be repurposed, public hearings will be held at those campuses if repurposing is decided by the board. She also expressed that the board of trustees' should request additional information about the campuses prior to repurposing them.

Linda Mora expressed that the board of trustees' defined this committee's objective and that we have completed those objectives.

Gracie Garcia-Ramos expressed that whatever schools are repurposed, the board of trustee' should provide safety for the children attending all the schools, i.e. crossing guards.

It was discussed that several members would like to include their own written comment in the presentation to the board of trustees'. Pauline Benton requested any comments be forwarded to her by Monday April 3, 2017 and she would add them to the slide show after the recommendations and before the public comments.

Public Comments:

Kevin Larsen - Expressed his opinion that the committee has broken the Brown act by emailing their individual comments to the chair for inclusion in the April 13, 2017 presentation to the board of trustees', that the committee should continue to have meetings and review additional data prior to presenting their recommendations to the board of trustees', and that the committee should give a list of schools rather than name two schools.

MyLinh – Requested that the presentation to the board of trustees' include a request that a real-estate advisor be retained and that another public advisory committee should be formed before any schools are repurposed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

None

Public Comments:

Kevin Larsen - Expressed his opinion that the committee should vote on having no additional meetings and that public hearings should be held at Dove Hill Elementary School and Laurelwood Elementary School.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Public Comments:

Kevin Larsen - Expressed his opinion that one last agenda item should be to post the presentation on the district website and allow the public to give feedback before it is presented to the board of trustees.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Terry Higgins – Expressed his opinion that the demographer information could be incorrect.

Magen Higgins – Expressed her opinion that the committee should not forget to do what is best for the children and that repurposing always affects the community.

Michael Abney – Expressed his opinion that splitting the Laurelwood ES students between other schools will cause children to lose their friends and expressed his concerns on what the repurposed sites will look like.

Kevin Larsen - He requested a letter be attached to the minutes discussing the idea of a new Tech High School and Autism Center and that the committee members should sign a 700 form.

Fey Yang – Expressed her opinion that this is a whole district problem, so why is Laurelwood ES and Dove Hill ES the schools being recommended to be repurposed and what will happen to the campuses.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Niraj Gopal. Unanimous - Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Chanice Mason, Secretary

Approved and Entered Into
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