

**Santa Barbara School Districts
Real Property Advisory/Surplus Facilities Committee
February 27, 2009 Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. at Parma Children's Center.

Committee members present:

John Becchio	Santa Barbara Junior High School principal
Bill Collyer	Santa Barbara Downtown Organization
Alissa Hummer	Planner and parent
Mark Ingalls	SB Education Foundation and parent
Mary O'Gorman	Executive staff assistant to 2 nd District Supervisor
Angela Padilla	California School Employee Association president
Jeremy Tittle	Executive staff assistant to 1 st District Supervisor
Bettie Weiss	Santa Barbara City Planner
Layne Wheeler	SB Teachers Assoc.

Others present:

Pat Saley	Santa Barbara School Districts consultant
Sarah Griffin	Member of the public

1. Approval of minutes - January 26, 2009 – Continued.

2. Tour of Parma Children's Center – The Committee took a short tour of the facility.

3. Options for Parma Children's Center – The consensus of the Committee is that this program provides a vital service to working families with young children & relocating it elsewhere would be detrimental to the program. They also felt that closing the program or moving it would not serve those who live in the neighborhood as well as the current program & facility do.

4. Possible leasing of District office & relocation of District staff to Santa Barbara JHS - Continued from January 26th meeting

a. **Consensus to date** – Based on info available, as of the January 26th meeting, the Committee had reached the following consensus. Additional consensus items are at the end of the minutes.

- 1) Wants to find a way to increase revenue into the General Fund.
- 2) Thinks that moving the entire District office to SBJHS places too much of a burden on that one program.
- 3) Would prefer that, if the District were to move, the functions that can be autonomous be located at other sites than SBJHS. The same applies to District programs now at the JHS that could be located at another school.
- 4) Thinks that if another use is relocated to the east wing at the JHS, at least 3 classrooms in the east wing need to be retained to avoid having travelling teachers.

b. **Responses to questions from last meeting** – Answers to the following questions are provided and/or will be provided at the meeting:

- 1) **Previous elementary school closures** – In 1972, Jefferson & Garfield were closed. Wilson & Lincoln were closed in 1979 (& McKinley was "banked" & reopened several years later).
- 2) **Timing of previous District office move to SBJHS in 1982** – This move occurred over the summer although the District has a lot of experience having construction occur while students are in school.

- 3) **Would Antioch move to SBJHS thereby freeing up space at 215 East Ortega St?** Antioch is not interested in moving out of the Downtown area as they need to be close to their main campus which is across the street from the District office.
- 4) **What District functions now located at 720 SB Street are autonomous & could be moved** to another location without impacting their efficacy? This discussion is continued until more information is available about how much space would be available at other schools to relocate uses from SBJHS & the District office.
- 5) **What would the impact be from the following changes** – There are several issues being discussed that have a bearing on classroom availability & the District budget. The Committee agreed that they should take a break until more is known about the following:
 - **Loss of Class Size Reduction funds** for some primary grades which could result in larger class sizes & could free up some classrooms for other uses – Pat distributed a table that showed that, depending on Board action scheduled for April, increasing primary class sizes slightly could result in more classrooms becoming available. These classrooms would likely be spread throughout the District & could house some uses at SBJHS & the District office.
 - **Shift of the Elementary District to Basic Aide** – On February 24th, the Board vote to shift the Elementary District to Basic Aide funding status, which would likely affect approximately 180 transfer students who would need to move to schools outside the District. If that happened, presumably some classrooms would become vacant & available for other uses.
 - **What changes to the No Child Left Behind program & funding are likely?** How might those changes affect the Districts' funding, enrollments, classroom availability, etc.? This issue is still being discussed at the federal level & its impact at the local level is not known.
 - **State budget impacts on District budget** – This is still unfolding.
 - **Enrollment in fall 2009**
- 6) **Happy Canyon property** – Information from the *Facilities Master Plan Update* was provided at the meeting.

- c. **Recommendation to Board of Education re possible leasing of District office and relocation of District staff to SBJHS** – Continued until more is known about the items under #5 above or until September 2009. In the meantime, a status report & preliminary recommendations will be taken to the Board which will give us a chance to see if they agree with the direction we're going in. Pat will provide an outline of the Committee's memo to the Board, then will write the memo incorporating the Committee's edits.

5. **Next meeting date, time and topics** – The Committee will reconvene in September 2009.

6. **Public comments:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Pat Saley.