

Elementary School Utilization Advisory Committee (Seven/Eleven /Committee)
January 17, 2006
Serna Community Room
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

1.0 Welcome

The Committee members were present and introduced themselves. Velma Sykes was unable to attend. Mandy Carrillo, Board of Education Student Member, joined the committee as student representative.

2.0 Review of the Minutes

Facilitator, Linda Whitney, asked for review and comments of the January 10th meeting minutes. There were none. She noted that the minutes are posted on the SCUSD website. She then referred everyone to the 1/17/06 Agenda, noting the time allocation for each item.

3.0 Review of Information/Reports (30 minutes allocated)

At the January 10th meeting, members requested several pieces of information. This information was reviewed and discussed by the committee members. The information consisted of achievement data, school demographics, middle school and feeder school maps, and a question and answer sheet.

Carol Shearley, Director of Planning for the City of Sacramento, distributed a handout entitled “City of Sacramento Neighborhoods.” The document outlined the Neighborhood Associations. Ms. Shearly outlined projected areas of growth including:

- Area 56 (South Pacific/Richards Blvd.
- Curtis Park Village (Area 17)
- Downtown redevelopment
- Delta Shores – South end of District

Discussion focused on middle schools and feeder elementary schools, the development of K-8 schools, vice principals in elementary schools, notification and participation of schools on the potential closure list, break even costs for middle schools and small high schools, the ideal middle school enrollment, and the Distinguished Schools criteria and eligibility list.

4.0 Maximizing the Options

Fifteen minutes were allocated to discuss ideas for each category of generating revenue, joint use, and closure/another use.

4.1 Generating Revenue

The committee discussed the following ideas:

- Rent space to private preschool/child care businesses
- Rent space to colleges (such as Sacramento City College) to hold evening classes
- Examine the fee structure for permits
- Explore the renting of space at Theodore Judah for Sacred Heart School
- Provide access to community outreach programs at school sites
- Sell property not in use such as vacant lots
- Relocate more special education classes from private school venues into district program/schools
- Provide access to Learning Exchange classes and Theatre rehearsals

Questions: Ask sites for revenue generating ideas
Where does the money from permits go?

4.2 Joint Use

The committee discussed the following ideas:

- Establish joint partnerships with the city for expansion of library services
- Explore the possibility of renting space at Theodore Judah to Sacred Heart
- Explore the possibilities of additional fee-based preschools
- Explore full-day care programs housed at underutilized schools

Discussion also focused on the value of non-revenue generating programs such as soccer, 4th R, and START, exploring joint maintenance of sites, programs that might be willing to pay, and continuing the adjunct programs if a site is closed?

It was requested that we ascertain what programs are currently on the smaller elementary school sites.

4.3 Closure/Another Use

Discussion ensued about the difficulty of recommending schools for closure, the short time line, and the need for information. The Board will receive our recommendations at the February 2 Board meeting. The Board needs as much information as possible to make decisions.

Discussion centered around an email regarding the possible closing of Marion Anderson and Tahoe with the suggestion of Marion Anderson students going to Tahoe. Marion Anderson currently busses 300 out of 340 students. It was suggested that the students could be transported to Tahoe as easily as to Marion Anderson. It was also discussed that Marion Anderson is in an industrial neighborhood (safety concern) and Tahoe is in a residential neighborhood.

4.4 Meeting Closure and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 and the next meeting will be January 24, 2006 PM, in the Serna Center Community Room. Members of the public are welcome.

