

CYPRESS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Cypress, California 90630

MASTER FACILITIES PLAN COMMITTEE  
November 19, 2008  
3:30 p.m.  
Education Center

The seventh meeting of the Master Facilities Plan Committee convened at 3:30 p.m., November 19, 2008. Persons in attendance are listed below:

Facilitator:	Lynne Merrick, Consultant
District Administration:	Sheri Loewenstein, Superintendent Carrie Delgado, Chief Business Officer Robert Daley, Director, Maintenance & Operations/ Transportation
Board of Trustees:	Donna Erickson Ellen Friedmann
Principal Representatives:	Jane Snyder Donna Layne Jeannette Lohrman Denine Kelly
District Employees:	Laurie Sooter, ACT President Chuck Voght, Dickerson Teacher Marsha Ahn, Morris/Vessels Teacher Donna Wittenberg, CSEA President Mike Baldwin, Lead Maintenance Worker
Parent Representatives:	Joel Nelson, Morris Parent Kathy Schilling, Vessels Parent Lisa Blunk, Swain Parent Alison Mahony, King Parent

Superintendent Loewenstein called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members. She reported that, since the last summer meeting, staff has been very busy with the facilities bond, which was successfully passed. We are meeting today to discuss next steps, which include the school closure issue. The goal for today's agenda is to get a recommendation for closure to be brought to the Board. The Superintendent then recognized Lynne Merrick.

Ms. Merrick thanked everyone who attended the Measure M celebration on Friday. She introduced members of her Lionakis team in attendance: Laura Knauss and Paul Martin. She reminded the committee that school closure has been on the back burner because of the bond measure. However,

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staff continued to work in this area where they could because we need to be ready to move quickly. She then introduced her PowerPoint presentation and shared her agenda to review data previously presented regarding our research into school closure, come to consensus regarding a proposal for school closure, and review a schedule for implementation of the recommendation. She reminded committee members that we have previously looked at existing facility conditions and plans, enrollment projections, and enrollment and attendance scenarios related to closure. This had brought several schools to the forefront as far as determining which site should be closed. Ms. Merrick brought a proposal that was discussed by the group. The committee reached consensus on the recommendation.

- " Close Dickerson effecting summer 2009
- " Expand the Dickerson site with portable classrooms, allowing it to serve as an interim housing site during modernization
- " Consolidate Dickerson and Vessels students for 2009/10 school year, on the Dickerson campus
- " Modernize Vessels and expand during 2009/10 school year
- " Reoccupy Vessels with consolidated population for 2009/10; modernization can be done faster with the students off site and this will save overhead costs.

There was discussion regarding the size of the consolidated school. Principal Snyder noted that the number of classrooms available at each grade level makes this the ideal school size for students and programs. There was also discussion regarding the merit of consolidation versus modernizing an occupied site. Ms. Merrick said that Anaheim City School District used both methods during their modernization and all of the principals and teachers preferred the interim site model. Ms. Loewenstein added that we can make this into a positive event with great communication with our families and students. Mr. Nelson asked about crossing guards, and the Superintendent said this is an issue we will definitely work on and discuss with the Board. Principal Layne asked how the committee would address questions about Luther remaining open even though they also have low student numbers. Ms. Loewenstein stated that if we have to close another school it will most likely involve re-bounding. We are not there yet but we may have to address it at some point in the future, reminding everyone that it is not necessarily the smallest school that is recommended for closure. Although we are declining at that end of the District, too, Sheri believes identifying two schools for closure is not warranted at this time. Ms. Mahony asked about traffic problems at Vessels, and Ms. Merrick said the parking lot for staff will be moved, which will help with the space available for parent parking.

The Superintendent requested input from the committee regarding this plan. Discussion was very positive, with the emphasis remaining on what is best for the children. The timeline is as follows:

- " "7-11" Committee would meet on December 3, 2008
- " Board study session December 9, 2008 regarding consolidation/closure
- " Meeting with Dickerson and Vessels parents following first of the year
- " Board action/approval on consolidation/closure scheduled for February 2009

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We would then use the remainder of the 2008/09 school year to make the plan for consolidation/closure. Passage of the facilities bond releases funds that will allow us to move forward with modernization/consolidation utilizing interim housing while modernization takes place.

The committee agreed to convene a “7-11” committee on December 3, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Volunteers include:

Laurie Sooter, ACT	Chuck Voght, Dickerson	Marsha Ahn, Vessels
Joel Nelson, parent	Alison Mahony, parent	Kathy Schilling, parent
Donna Wittenberg, CSEA	Mike Baldwin, classified	Bob Daley, Director, MOT
Jane Snyder, Dickerson	Donna Layne, Vessels	

The “7-11” Committee will be charged to declare a school site as surplus and use it as interim housing.

In answer to a question about when we will receive the bond money, Ms. Merrick reported they are working with the bond team on how the funds will be released. We committed to a tax rate of \$24.63 per \$100,000 of assessed value and cannot exceed this. However, we can adjust bond sales and are in the process of developing a schedule for the sale of bonds. A first sale will probably happen in the second half of 2009, for approximately \$26 million. Funds will reach the District sometime in June 2009, and then every two years another \$6-\$10 million will come into the District.

Superintendent Loewenstein thanked committee members. She said that the committee will be recalled when we have additional items to discuss, such as asset management of Mackay and the District office, which will be part of the Master Facilities Plan. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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