

SSC MINUTES – SUPPLEMENT

The following are supplemental Minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting of the School Site Council of Hillcrest Elementary School.

4a. Approval of Minutes. Draft Minutes from the October 9, 2008 meeting were reviewed and two changes by Darcy were approved. On motion by Beverly and second by Ms. Massey, the revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

4b. Surplus Funds Category Shifting. Beverly informed the SSC that at the end of the last school year some minor amounts of funds remained unspent in “surplus” categories. Beverly seeks approval to transfer those funds to “materials and supplies” to be spent during this school year. A sheet detailing the transfer of these funds is attached. On motion by Beverly and second by Ms. Massey, the budget transfer amounts were unanimously approved.

4c. Update from the Long Range Planning Committee. Darcy updated the SSC on some of the latest meetings and developments relating to overcrowding at Hillcrest and other hills schools. Last Tuesday, members of the LRPC met with the OUSD demographer, Juwen Lam, to review the data she used and recently presented to the SAAB meetings in connection with three alternative enrollment scenarios for Hillcrest. Ms. Lam admitted that there were errors in some of the scenario charts depicting a possible conversion of Hillcrest to a K-5 school which misstated how and when a phase-out of the middle school might occur. They also exchanged information and discussed the facility load models that OUSD has been using and how those numbers differ from actual historical numbers at Hillcrest and the capacity figures that the LRPC’s Final Report last year showed that could be accommodated. These discussions were undertaken with the intent to examine how the Hillcrest site could be utilized to its maximum capacity while still retaining the K-8 program. On Wednesday, Interim Supt. Roberta Mayor attended the Hillcrest opening ceremony and met with representatives of the LRPC, Ms. Rothenberg and others to tour the school site and discuss how the K-8 model works at Hillcrest. The LRPC has agreed to examine in more detail facilities expansion options utilizing the entire site if necessary, while retaining the K-8 school model.

At the last SAAB meeting, instead of discussing three alternative scenarios for future changes at Hillcrest generated by Ms. Mayor, Kerry Hamill proposed that a fourth alternative be considered, viz., (i) retaining the present K-8 model, (ii) expanding capacity at Montclair to address increasing enrollment demand at Montclair and to provide an outlet for increasing enrollment demand at other hills schools, at the only location that could reasonably accommodate a significant expansion, and (iii) to somewhat shrink Hillcrest attendance boundaries in favor of Montclair and Kaiser to take advantage of present or future seat availability at those sites. Board Member Yee supported the proposal except that he felt it premature to undertake any boundary change before overflow capacity was in place. Some SAAB members will attend a Montclair PTA meeting at Montclair on Tuesday, November 18 at which time the possible expansion of the Montclair facilities will be discussed.

The next SAAB meeting will be held on Friday, November 21 at 7:30 at which meeting it is hoped that the fourth alternative proposed by Kerry Hamill, or some variation of it, will be

approved by the SAAB and forwarded to the entire OUSD Board for consideration and action. If this occurs, then it is likely that the matter would be included in the agendas for the OUSD Board meetings on December 10 and 17.

The Hillcrest PTA website pages dealing with enrollment process and enrollment planning issues need to be updated. It was suggested that Mike Allison, PTA President and member of the LRPC, be involved in preparing/updating a general statement about the reality of enrollment limitations at Hillcrest and providing links to OUSD policy and procedure materials. Second, the LRPC will prepare a summary of its activities since last spring regarding the enrollment issues and future meeting dates and times for posting on the website. Both updates will be circulated to SSC members for comment.

4d. Future Meeting Notices and Agendas. Larry was directed to prepare and distribute future SSC meeting notices and agendas. Any member wanting to include an item on a future agenda should notify Darcy and Beverly who will forward approved agenda items to Larry sufficiently in advance so that the notices and agendas can be timely distributed, put into the Yellow Pages and the website, and physically posted.

4e. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 AM. The next SSC meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2008 at 7:30 AM.