



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Meeting Minutes

Subject Facilities District Advisory Committee – Santa Monica (FDAC-SM)

Date May 20, 2024

Time 4:30 pm

Location FIP Office

1. Call to Order – Alexis called the meeting to order with a quorum at 4:38

Margaret Bach  
Amy Bisson  
Hye-Young Chung  
Alexis Dennis-Huether  
Joan Krenik  
Ralph Mechur  
Judith Meister  
Josh Seegopaul  
Jeffrey Wittenberg (absent)  
Vacant – City of Santa Monica Rep  
Laurie Lieberman – Board of Education Liaison  
Alicia Mignano – Board of Education Liaison  
Jon Kean – Board of Education Liaison

2. Approval of the Minutes – Minutes unanimously approved with Margaret's 2 corrections.
  - a. April 15, 2024
3. Brown Act Training/Refresher – Training/Refresher moved to a future meeting.
4. Chairperson Communications/Reports – Alexis noted that the design review subcommittee met this month. (Margaret, Ralph and Alexis)
5. Staff Communications/Reports - None
6. Report from the FDACSM Design Review Subcommittee – Alexis explained that the sub-committee met with FIP staff to preview the JAMS STEM building and asked for supplemental information to be presented at this meeting. Alexis also noted that she has spoken with FIP staff regarding the Design guidelines. These will be used by

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our committee as a guide moving forward but do not need to be approved by the board.

7. Project Presentation and Design Update:

a. JAMS

- i. New STEM Building Design Status Update (Future Bond) – NAC Architects, Michael Pinto presented the ideas for the STEM building. Josh asked if all students would use the building. Carey replied that all grades would have science class in this building. Judith asked if JAMS was still a science magnet. Carey responded that it is but has changed over time. The plan is to submit to DSA in December 2024. Questions & comments asked by the committee. Gates around the building will allow students to leave experiments undisturbed. Also provides security. Judith commented that campus needs a revamping and this is a good step towards that. Amy asked if there was an entry point from the opposite side of the building. Michael Pinto replied no. Carey noted that this is something we should look at. Judith asked what the design team's comments were. Alexis replied that they wanted to see the scale and that's why those slides were added. Judith asked what the budget is. Barbara replied that the construction cost is 28 million. This is estimated to be an 18 month build (January 2027 completion date).

8. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Future Planning – Steve reviewed the Facilities presentation. Carey reviewed the proposed project list, including overall priorities. Ralph asked about hard & soft costs percentages. Barbara noted that the planned teacher colab rooms at Roosevelt & Franklin can be converted room into a classroom if needed. Judith asked about the survey/mailer, concerned about no mention about adaptive reuse and commitment to preservation. Could have been much more inclusive. Important to focus on not only replacing but also preserving.
  - i. Potential Future Bond Election – November 2024
    - Grant – Library & Garden
    - Roosevelt – New library and early childhood learning building
    - Franklin – New early childhood learning building, Field & Parking
    - SMASH – Innovation lab, administration and parking modernization
    - Judith noted the name missing John Muir. Carey replied that it will still be a neighborhood school with a possible name change. The slide will be corrected to include John Muir.
    - Lincoln – Eighth grade STEM building modernization. New aquatics center

- Samohi – New student services/student center building.  
Library & Administration Building
- McKinley – New elevator and cafeteria/kitchen modernization
- Rogers – Innovation lab modernization
- Edison – Drop off/pick up improvements
- Safety & security projects, technology upgrades and unspecified miscellaneous projects

Steve reviewed the project costs. Slide is missing a few projects (to be updated). All adds up to 632 million. Minus Lincoln pool & Samohi English to Admin, the bond would be 492 million. Steve reviewed the polling done for 500 million & 700 million.

Questions to hopefully vote on tonight:

Question #1 – Should a bond measure for SFID #1 be put on the ballot in November?

Question #2 – What amount should it be? 495 million or 630 million?

Contingent on 630 million polling positively or 495 if not.

Amy proposed the following motion: Vote to say that the SMFDAC supports the larger list of needs presented today. Motion seconded by Judith, motion approved. Ralph abstained.

Joan asked if the projects we talked about a year ago are still the ones we want to move forward with. Steve and Carey replied that they feel good that we have the right projects. Judith asked to see the full list of projects. One that could go off the list is the Lincoln pool and keep Samohi English to admin. Josh asked to see the poll results. Can the contingency, if left-over be used to do the Lincoln pool? Steve answered that if nothing goes badly with a project we could potentially use it to fund an additional project. Hye-Young asked what the timeline is in order to get this on the ballot in November. Carey answered that about Labor Day people start getting interested in the election. This will be voted on by the board in July in order to meet the August 1 deadline. Alexis asked if there was a way to review what the campus plans are for each school. Amy commented that Samohi needs both buildings to be whole. Laurie added that she would like all those things to be constructed but if the polling doesn't look so good maybe we go with the smaller amount and then go out again in another 4 years. Joan added that with a 3 or 4 cent difference. It seems silly not to go for it. Ralph noted that the blue-ribbon committee will be making the recommendation to the board, this committee can weigh in but the board will ultimately make the decision on the projects and amount. Alexis asked if all the projects have been budgeted through both the architect and outside estimator. Steve replied that most have but not all. Laurie said that all these questions have all been so good. We have never been this well prepared then we are now. Wants to assure everyone that this is a really high level of preparedness. Alicia added that there is need at every level. This is all good for our entire community.

9. Ongoing Project Updates:

- a. Samohi Update
  - i. Exploration Building and Gym (SMS) – Alan
    - 1. Construction Update
  - ii. Samohi Campus Plan Update and Phase 4 (Future Bond)
- b. Muir/SMASH Water Intrusion Repair Project (SMS) – Kevin
  - i. Construction Update
- c. McKinley New Classroom/Admin Building (SMS) – Kevin
  - i. Environmental Concerns/DTSC Update – DTSC Community Meeting June 4, 2024
  - ii. Construction Schedule Update
- d. Rogers New Early Learning Building and Field Replacement (SMS) – Kevin
  - i. Construction Update
- e. JAMS Library Modernization Construction Update (SMS) – Kevin
  - i. Construction Update

10. Middle and Elementary School Upcoming Project Updates –  
Carey/Barbara/Michael/Steve

- a. Grant
  - i. New Classroom Project Design Status Update (Future Bond)
- b. Franklin Campus Plan
  - i. Campus Plan Development (Future Bond)
- c. Roosevelt Campus Plan Modifications (Future Bond)
  - i. CEQA Underway
  - ii. Design Status Update, Phase 1
- d. Lincoln Middle School Campus Plan (Future Bond)
  - i. 500s Building Design Status Update
  - ii. Aquatics Center

Due to time constraints, Carey gave a brief update on items 9 & 10 above.

-Samohi: Exploration & Gym will be ready for start of school in August.

-Muir/SMASH: project is moving along

-McKinley: We have a community meeting regarding the soil that is set for June 4<sup>th</sup> and will hopefully get DTSC approval to proceed.

-Rogers: Moving along, making great progress

-JAMS: Library completion date is on schedule

11. Public Comments – Kaitlin Drisko - SM Conservancy

Thanked the committee and Carey & Steve. Noting that the Conservancy was consulted on the projects presented today. Kaitlin added that heritage conservation is important to our students and that the Conservancy is concerned about Item #5 on the survey that the District mailed out to the community and may see push back on this in the future. She also noted that it doesn't appear to reflect the conversations that she has heard today and will go back to her board to tell them

that the district is considering adaptive reuse as a potential in all of their restoration projects.

12. Future Meeting(s):  
July 15, 2024

13. Requested Topics for Future Meetings

- a. Green Space Per Campus
- b. Discussion item around how this group is engaged in community outreach.
- c. Polling update
- d. Sustainability Plan

14. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 6:48