

**MEASURE A - STRONG SCHOOLS BOND
CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF January 22, 2014

Opening

The Citizens' Oversight Committee held a meeting in the Duveneck Elementary Library, 705 Alester Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

*All handouts can be viewed at the District office, Business Services 25 Churchill Avenue

Members present:

Mr. Walt Hays, Senior Citizen

Ms. Helene Leichter, Parent

Mr. James Cowie, Business Organization Member

Ms. Catharine Garber, Business Organization Member

Ms. Arianne Teherani, Parent

Mr. Todd Collins, Taxpayer Organization

Mr. Bruce Whitson, Parent

Others present:

Mr. Tom Hodges, fs3|Hodges Construction Management

Mr. Lori Alvarez, fs3|Hodges Construction Management

District Staff Present:

Dr. Robert Golton, Bond Program Manager

Mr. Ron Smith, Facilities Project Manager

Ms. Betty Munoz, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Review of Agenda

Site Tour

The Committee visited the new classroom buildings B and C at Duveneck Elementary.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Whitson moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2013. Motion carried 7-0.

Program Status Update

Tom Hodges of the fs3|Hodges Construction Management firm presented an update on the current bond projects:

Gunn Miranda Drop Off Project

Gunn E & K Renovation

Paly Performing Arts

Paly Science Building

Paly Gym

Jordan

JLS

Terman

Fairmeadow

Duveneck

Paly Classroom Building & Media Arts

Member asked how construction teams are put together considering the open bids process? Hodges said with the Palo Alto High School Gym, the donor chooses who they want but even in a lease-lease back, he does not believe they would have the opportunity to put together a team

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because they would need the architect early in the process and they still need to do a selection process that is objective based on interviews.

Chair/Vice Chair Election

Hays nominated Helen Leichter for Chair and James Cowie as Vice Chair. Committee approved.

Briefing on PAUSD
Enrollment Growth Planning

Golton said the Board did not want to eliminate any possibilities so they asked staff to come up with the best possible alternatives that would not be disruptive. Last spring, the question of opening a new elementary school at 525 San Antonio or the Garland site came up, but in the end they decided to defer it a year. Students are currently enrolling for the coming year. If enrollment is flat, they will defer the decision for another year.

Committee member asked when do they expect to know the enrollment? Golton said the early enrollment period will end in the middle of February and they will know more in three months. Enrollment has slowed down in kindergarten.

April 23, 2014 Agenda

The next COC meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2014. The agenda will be worked through email.

Next Meeting and Future
Meetings Schedule

April 23, 2014
July 16, 2014
October 15, 2014

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.