

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

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF February 2, 2011

Opening

The Citizens' Oversight Committee held a meeting in the library of Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

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

Members present:

Mr. Ray Bacchetti, Senior Citizen  
Mr. Scott Darling, At Large Member  
Mr. Gary Hornbeek, Parent, PTA Member  
Mr. Deepak Kanungo, Parent  
Ms. Catharine Baker, Business Organization Member  
Ms. Mary Marth, Parent  
Mr. Todd Collins, Taxpayer Organization

Others present:

Mr. Tom Hodges, O'Connor Construction Management  
Mr. Scott Jewel, Gilbane Building Company  
Mr. Lori Alvarez, O'Connor Construction Management

District Staff Present:

Dr. Robert Golton, CBO  
Mr. Ron Smith, Facility Project Manager  
Ms. Betty Munoz, Secretary to Co-CBOs

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Review of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Darling moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2010. Motion carried 7-0.  
Hornbeek checked the [coc@pausd.org](mailto:coc@pausd.org) inbox and it had no e-mails.

Site Visit

The Committee attended a site visit at Ohlone Elementary School and reconvened at 5:37 p.m.

Program Status Update

Golton said this is a presentation from January 11, 2011.

**Completed Projects:**

Gunn Aquatic Center

Industrial Arts Building: Completed in January.

**Projects Under Construction:**

Paly Multi-use Fields: Paly Coach, Earl Hansen requested the field to be ready by January 31 and so it was.

Ohlone Elementary: Should be available before January 2012; they would like to occupy the building in the fall.

Elementary White Boards and Sound Assist Systems: They are installing them in all the classrooms.

Technology Upgrades: They have done technology upgrades of about one million dollars a year at all schools; Ann Dunkin, IT Director has given them an eight year plan for moving forward and refreshing workstations.

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### Projects in DSA:

Gunn Classroom Building: Anticipate bidding it out this spring.

Gunn New Gymnasium: Anticipate occupancy soon.

Gunn Air Conditioning: Gunn reprioritized their project list to get air conditioning.

Paly New Classroom & Media Arts Building: They will bid this project this spring.

Jordan and Terman New Construction & Modernization: These projects got in before the New Year due to code change. JLS has not been submitted to DSA.

Elementary School Classroom Improvements Phase 1: This project is probably on hold until there is understanding on what money is needed to accommodate growth; additional classrooms or opening another school.

### Projects in Design Development/Construction Document Phase

JLS New Construction & Modernization: This will go to DSA at the end of March; new two-story building, site work, and more storage.

Fairmeadow: New two-story classroom wing, new addition to the library, new kinder area, and some standard existing classroom improvements.

### Projects in Schematic Design

Paly Stadium Field: Anticipate occupancy in 2012; new bleachers, snack shack, and tower entrance; the budget has not been approved and it is going for schematic design approval March 8 and at that point the Board will need to adjust the budget.

Paly New Performing Arts Center: This will go to the Board March 8 for schematic design approval; 430 seat theatre; house and façade will drop down about five feet.

### Projects in Conceptual Design

Gunn Parking & Drop-off: Anticipated occupancy February 2014.

Duveneck New Construction & Modernization: Conceptual design was just approved by the Board and moving into schematic design.

Hoover New Construction & Modernization: This project is on hold for now because the Board was concerned that this project would add no capacity.

### Future Projects:

Gunn High School: Performing arts complex; student activities center; Spangenberg modernization.

Paly High School: Renovation of 100 bldg. for performing arts; library and bldg. 300A renovation; weight/fitness renovation; addition and renovation of 700 bldg. for career tech; tower administration bldg. renovation

Elementary Schools: Classroom improvements phase 2 and 3; portables to permanent projects at Escondido, Hays, Hoover, Palo Verde; flex rooms for various schools.

K-12 Funding: Furniture, fixtures, and equipment; technology infrastructure; multi-year planned maintenance.

A committee member said there was some mention of projected cost overruns for the Gunn classroom project? Hodges said the estimate stage when they went to DSA offset and they are projecting \$1.2 million dollars and instead of going to the Board for an augmentation, they decided to bid the project first and adjust the budget later.

A committee member asked where does the budget come from? Hodges said with the high schools they go through a master planning process with the steering committee to identify projects, group them, and put sq. ft. cost budgets to them. As they go through project development during conceptual design they will refine it based on the actual skill for the project or where the site is and then refine it again at schematic design approval. The middle schools were a little different in that it is

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just one project but they did have to go through a prioritization. Elementary schools are different because they have the growth component.

A committee member asked if there is an estimate of how much it will take to run the A/C at Gunn? Golton said he does not have that number right now but will send an e-mail with the information.

A committee member asked can you get the A/C project done in a ten week period? Smith said they will start the project before school is out and believe they have the timeline down.

A committee member asked how much money will be spent this year? About \$20 million; more bonds will be sold in June 2012.

The Committee would like to see the project timeline in the report; it will be placed back in.

### Change Orders

No change orders.

### Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Hornbeek nominated Collins for Chair. Hornbeek said he would be happy to continue as Vice Chair. MOTION: Darling moved to nominate Collins as Chair and Hornbeek to stay as Vice Chair. Motion carried 7-0.

### April 20, 2011 Agenda

The next COC meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2011, at Barron Park Elementary.

### Next Meeting and Future Meetings Schedule

April 20, 2011  
July 20, 2011  
October 19, 2011

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.