

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Adopted Minutes

Members Present: Eid Fakhouri, Gina Jackson, Stacey LoMedico, Rob McNelis, Jim Montague, Kai Ramer, Beth Selbe, Rick Weeks

Excused: Chris Cate

Attendees Present: Christina Becker, Bill Clark, Dr. Lis Johnson, Dustin Burns, Dianne El-Hajj, Nancy Stasch

- 1) **Call to Order at 6:02:** Presented handouts and their placement into new ICOC binders.
- 2) **Established a quorum** with 8 members in attendance to begin the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
- 3) **Reviewed Minutes** of August 6, 2008. Minutes were approved through a consensus.
- 4) **No Public Comments Addressed.**
- 5) **ICOC Communications:** Beth Selbe commented that parents she spoke with loved everything, especially the tack walls. Rick Weeks has a child who is still in a room that has not been modernized yet, but is excited that the move-in is only four months away. Eid Fakhouri said he heard comments regarding the skylights. Everyone liked the lighting; however, concern if some of the sky lighting interferes with the viewing of the projector. Negative comments about the Carlton Oaks parking is that a row was taken out; however the drop-off process runs faster now because cars can move through instead of being blocked in. Dianne El-Hajj noted that our schools were designed for children to walk to school rather than be driven to school and dropped off. This is why the parking lots are small and not designed for traffic to move through quickly.

Bus Tour Comments: Jim Montague was at the first 3 stops and commented how beautiful everything was. Rick Weeks commented that the schools now have really nice security entrances. Positive comments where the new administration area is at Sycamore Canyon, it makes a good security entrance. Eid also commented that the Barnhart crew were really helpful on the tour and explained everything very well.
- 6) **2008 Annual Performance Review:** Bill Clark shared what the Board approved and what has been implemented from the review in his handout. A Policy & Procedure Manual will be implemented in Summer 2009. The District is issuing an RFQ on

September 4, 2008 for architectural services. The present architect was given a 30-day notice. Our Construction Management firm has resources to help us during the switchover. We are prepared to explore all options. We should be able to keep on schedule. Comments were made by the committee with regards to the notice given to the architectural firm; however, it was brought to the committee's attention by another member that the ICOC's responsibilities only relate to the timelines and the cost savings or expenses incurred by the District. It is nice to know the background; however, generalizations are all that is necessary. Stacey LoMedico requested an updated GANT chart schedule. At this time, the original GANT chart remains the same. It may change when we complete some of the 10-classroom additions to different times because of housing issues; however, that is intentional to help save money. Bill said we are committed to the current schedule.

- 7) **Construction Progress at the Schools:** Christina said we are ahead of schedule by as much as three weeks because the modernization work was done early, so the movers were able to get in early also. We were scheduled to begin September 16th, and we are starting August 16th. Barnhart will provide a new schedule at the next Board Workshop. We are very pleased to get in and get the abatement and demolition work done prior to the kids returning to school September 2nd. Bill said that the kids and the teachers were excited with the new things; however, they will find things that are not working as they go along. Eid noted at how fast the construction clean-up was done at the sites.
- 8) **Construction Costs:** A new expense sheet for the construction costs was handed out. It related to end of year closure expenses for the 2007-08 fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2008.
- 9) **ICOC Annual Report:** Everyone agreed that they like the annual report that would look similar to the one from the GUHSD website. They want a draft version for the October meeting so it can be reviewed and issued in November. Stacey said she would cut and paste items from the minutes and the newsletters for a draft. She would like to add the task of the performance review as this was the first big step that the ICOC took in getting an outside consultant. AF Consultants made the comment that "The program overall was running smooth and was well managed".
- 10) **September Newsletter Draft:** Discussion on the newsletter took place. The changes will be finalized and sent out to the committee for final approval.
- 11) **ICOC Speaking Points at Future Board Meeting:** Next ICOC presentation will be the filing of the annual report.

- 12) **Comments from Committee Members/Topics for Next Meeting:** Prop 39/Compliance audit.
- 13) **Solar Updates:** Bill commented on savings we would get with implementing solar. Rob McNelis asked to add a column of costs to install. Stacey asked if the District addressed the issue of vandalism. Bill said yes, by providing cameras with lighting. There are pros and cons in providing shade to the amphitheatres. The re-conformed designs which will make the solar more aesthetically pleasing and provide shade are going out tomorrow. Solar will be presented to the Board on September 16th.
- 14) **Information Only:** The next Facilities Committees are scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2008. The next Board Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2008.
- 15) **Adjourn** at 7:50 p.m. to next ICOC meeting on October 1, 2008.