

CITY/SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Special Meeting
January 19, 2012

The City/School Liaison Committee held a Special Meeting at the City of Palo Alto, 250 Hamilton Avenue, 1st Floor, Council Conference Room, Palo Alto. Chair Klein called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

Present: City of Palo Alto Representatives
 Chair Larry Klein
 Council Member Yiaway Yeh
 Deputy City Manager Steve Emslie

Palo Alto Unified School District Representatives
Mellisa Baten Caswell, Board Member
Cathy Mak, Chief Business Officer

Absent: Bob Golton, Facilities and Bond Program Manager

1. Oral Communications

None

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 15, 2011 were approved.
Council Member Klein, Board Member Caswell - abstain

3. Review of Recent City Council/PAUSD Board Meetings

- IBRC Report: Separating out Cubberley for its own process.
- Regional Housing Mandate Committee: Consisted of Chair Greg Schmid, Council Members Burt, Holman, and Scharff. They discussed the opportunity to respond to social justice index and to network with similar communities and districts.
- Cubberley Technical Advisory Group (TAG) had a meeting scheduled to review hiring a consultant to sketch out preliminary ideas on use of space. Four or five TAG meetings had been held.
- Process with PAC and CAC will roll out as already defined

4. Project Safety Net

- Amy Drolette from PAUSD and Micaela Presti from PTAC reported on Jordan Middle School's Open Sessions.
- Project Safety Net (PSN) posted its Program Manager's position. Baten Caswell asked that the job posting be sent to Board and Council members for wider distribution.
- Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund asked Project Safety Net to apply for a grant.
- MLK Youth Community Group event. Open mike – share dreams.
- Break through the status event for teenagers.
- PAUSD sponsoring Oscar and the Last Straw
- Rob DeGeus meeting with Facebook.

5. Cubberley Community Center Update

6. Budget Update

District Chief Business Officer, Cathy Mak gave an update on the District's budget. For the current year, the State had midyear trigger cuts to school districts. The estimated impact to PAUSD was about \$400,000. Coupled with lower property tax growth this year, the District has a growing deficit. The District planned to make budget cuts of \$1.8 million in March to lower the structural deficit. For next year, the proposed State Budget included a tax initiative to keep school funding from further cuts. If the tax initiative were to fail, there would be more cuts to school districts. The Governor also proposed a new funding model for categorical programs. This new funding model would be detrimental to basic aid districts. On the local front, property tax growth for next year was trending better than the current year with the CPI adjustment back at the 2% cap. The District is looking at another round of budget cuts for next year with amount to be determined in the spring.

The City's budget projected deficit was below \$2 million, but revenue was improving.

7. Future Meetings and Agendas

Future meeting times: 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 8:15 a.m.

Agenda:

- Review of Recent City Council/PAUSD Board Meetings
- Discussion of 2012 Agenda Topics
- Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Commission Report (IBRC)
- Future Meetings and Agendas

Adjournment: 9:50 a.m.