

SMUSD

Citizen's Oversight Committee

San Marcos Unified Prop K

Annual Report

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January, 2012



Demolition, 2012



COC Mission Statement

The SMUSD Citizens Oversight Committee was formed by the District Board to provide an independent monitoring and review of all Proposition K fund expenditures in accordance with contracts executed by and between the District, its Contractors & Sub-contractors and all Bond Agency requirements and to keep the public informed through normal public information channels.

Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC)

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COC meetings:

Citizens' Oversight Committee meetings are open to the public. Check the website for meeting times, agendas, and minutes.

NEXT MEETING:

APRIL 19, 2012

Dear Community Members,

In November 2010, through Proposition K, the Citizens of this school district approved the issuance of up to \$287 million in General Obligation Bonds. These Bond proceeds shall be used to modernize old and outdated facilities, expand student capacity, and upgrade District technology at 18 school sites.

A committee made up of local members of the community was appointed by the School Board to act as a Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC). The committee's charge is to review the inception and progress of all projects funded by Proposition K resources. The COC meets quarterly and submits an annual report to the school Board and community on progress of the projects undertaken.

Modernization Projects:

The District in July 2011 sold \$142 million in Prop K Bonds. The first project undertaken is the demolition and reconstruction of San Marcos High School (SMHS). The project has been in the planning stage for over a year with a budget of \$180 million. The first phase was to construct a temporary campus at the rear of the property for students to occupy from January 2012 to December 2013. Demolition of the old campus is underway and construction of the new campus is soon to follow. As part of the demolition the District sold portable buildings and cabinetry to other institutions.

The next phase of Bond sales is scheduled for the Spring 2012. This sale will fill the balance between the budget of SMHS and the first Bond sale of \$142 million. Any Bond funds in excess of SMHS projected budget will be used for the list of modernization projects at other sites and possibly District wide technology upgrades. Some of the highest priority projects are the modernization of La Costa Meadows, Alvin Dunn, San Marcos Middle and Richland schools. Technology upgrades are expected at all schools not constructed over the last five years.

Performance Audit: The District will provide for an annual independent Audit of Proposition K funds and projects. First audit will be for the 2011-12 fiscal year next fall.

SMHS Construction Timeline:

March 2012 – Complete demolition and begin grading of site

July 2012 – Complete grading

First Quarter 2013 – Completion of gymnasium, central plant, and shop building

First Quarter 2014 – Completion of Main Building – Administration, classrooms, library, student union, cafeteria. Completion of Theater Building. Completion of Concession stands at stadium, home bleachers, and Press Box.

Third Quarter 2014 – Completion of fields

SMUSD-COC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

I am pleased to report that since the initial formation meeting on April 14th of last year, the Citizens' Oversight Committee has held four meetings. The first of which, was July 14th, wherein officers were chosen. Bill Effinger was chosen as Chairman.

Staff presented very thorough progress reports and financial summaries, using both powerpoint and detailed documentation on the high school project during each of the sessions. Staff has been extremely responsive to requests for information from our committee members and alternates, all of whom are very engaged participants in the process.

We jointly developed the mission statement which will appear on the front page of our Community Newsletter and can be found in the left corner of this report.

Our January meeting was held on the temporary campus in one of the portables, as requested by some committee members, which the staff put forth Herculean efforts to accommodate, including a projector and screen for Kathy Tanner's power point presentation. SMUSD staff has been extremely responsive to all requests from our committee members for additional information, adjustments in format of some of the financial information and progress reporting. Respectfully, Bill Effinger
Chairman, SMUSD Citizens' Oversight Committee