

**Community Engagement Meeting Regarding Program Planning and Recruitment of the  
Consent Decree High School at the Marian Anderson School Site  
Questions and Comments  
March 5, 2008**

**Questions**

- With three (3) meetings and the Open Enrollment sites. Why not have the meetings and the Open Enrollment at Marian Anderson to showcase the school?

The community requested more meetings in East Sacramento and we looked for large venues. We are in the process of setting up visits to the Marian Anderson site.

- Phase I will retrofit the bathrooms. Were those previously remodeled?

Any remodel to bathrooms involved making them accessible for disabled persons.

- In Phase II the library will be retrofitted. Does that mean that there will be no library in Phase I?

The students will use the existing library until renovation in Phase II.

- What do we need to do to further pursue starting with 9<sup>th</sup> graders at Kit Carson? To do that, is it required that we go back to court?

It will be brought to the Board for discussion and we do not need to go to court to place the 9<sup>th</sup> graders at Kit Carson.

- Under the obligation of Prop 39, it does not seem equitable. What is being provided to public students verses charter students?

Sacramento City Unified School District is the authorizing district for the Sacramento Charter High School. The charter students are the district students.

- Doesn't Sacramento Charter High School get creative with their numbers?

Sacramento Charter High School has approximately 900 students.

- Will the new school start with a Block Schedule or Traditional. Schedule? What are the logistics of start and end times?

The district is planning a traditional calendar for the school. The daily schedule (block or period) will be an aspect of the planning team.

- Have you explored postponement for a year and if so, who is not in favor of that? Is the district for or against it?

The postponement has been discussed by some of the parties and it will take the agreement of all of the parties. The district is open to all suggestions and ideas.

- What does "strong enough base mean" for Open Enrollment?

We hope to start with 150 students. That is the number needed to provide a full array of the courses and be fiscally responsible.

- Consent Decree says minimum of 500 students. The district is planning to start with 150. Does that mean Consent Decree is not being fulfilled?

We will begin with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class and continue each year to recruit as the 9<sup>th</sup> graders move up the grades.

- If students play sports, what will their home school be?

Students will play sports at Hiram Johnson High School.

- How many elective class choices will students have?

The electives will be determined by the parents and students attending the school. Electives will also be determined by the specific credentials of staff.

- Is there going to be a program for GATE students?

All high school core courses are of college-prep rigor. We will address the needs of Advance Placement on an individual basis.

- If not enough interest in Advance Placement classes, where would the students go? Would those students go to another school?

We will examine each case individually. If there are enough students for a class, we will provide on-site classes. In some cases the students may attend another school.

- Any conversation about a calendar that is aligned with Junior Colleges?

The calendar will be part of the Planning Committee's work.

- How will you get word out to visit Marian Anderson?

Mr. Hall will contact you if you provide us with your contact information.

- If there is money, then why retrofit Marian Anderson in phases? Will Phase I and II overlap?

We need to do it in phases as the work will have to be coordinated with school programs.

- Have you had any conversations with the parents at Marian Anderson about how they feel regarding co-location? How do they feel about the students moving again?

Meetings were held with parents at Marian Anderson. The students at both the Success Academy and the Therapeutic Center do not stay long-term. Both programs are transition programs for the students.

- You stated that there are approximately 60 students in the Therapeutic Center now. Is there room if they grow?

Yes, there is room and the program is expected to grow.

- Where would the high school be in relation to the main building?

The students will be in portables for one year, while the main building will be retrofitted to be used for the complete 9-12 program.

- I did read the city's Long Range Plan and it addresses a need for two K-12 schools eventually.

We are working with the City of Sacramento and the two schools are to be K-8 schools.

- When will the results of these three (3) Community Meetings be compiled and presented to the Board? Will it be discussed during closed or open session?

The notes will go on the SCUSD website and will be discussed at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

- If we believe the district and send our children to this new school; we fear the rug will be pulled out from under us. How can you convince us this won't happen?

Our Board has as a basic premise to all program and facility changes, that any changes should, if at all possible, cause the least amount of disruption to families and students. Locating the Consent Decree School has been very complex with many competing interests. Forty-one (41) sites were analyzed over four years. It is not the intent to open a school and then close the school. The Board has not closed our small elementary schools, but has asked staff to find other ways to keep the school viable with such things as co-locations and bringing other programs in that will enhance or compliment the existing programs.

### **Comments**

- I find the district does close schools, what about Success Academy? At a district meeting the principal found out they were moving the night of the meeting. I live two (2) blocks from here and did not get notice of meeting. I was never notified.

The Success Academy was not closed.

- I don't think we should have waited so long for Open Enrollment. The Oak Park Community should have Sacramento High School site. It is dangerous to have kids walk to Marian Anderson School site. We want school back, MESL back and VAPAC back.
- Board already decided to place school at Marian Anderson and has heard input.
- Schools are available now. It doesn't seem feasible to rush to open another school. Seems like a formality, but is not wise decision-making.
- Only 500 Sacramento Charter High School students and 1200 public school students. There isn't equity in allowing public students the use of the Sacramento High School site.

Sacramento Charter High School has approximately 715 in-district students and 180 out-of-district students.