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School of Engineering and Sciences (SES) Community Engagement Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sam Brannan Middle School Multipurpose Room

I. Introductions by Nancy Wai, Administrator, SCUSD

- Patricia Clark, Office of Council Member Robbie Waters
- Martha Rowland, Sacramento Library Authority
- Bill Louie, WLC Architects
- Roy Grimes, President, Board of Education, SCUSD
- William West, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, SCUSD
- Dave Taxara, Project Manager, SCUSD
- Matt Perry, Special Advisor, Principal, Health Professions High School

QUESTION	ANSWER
Will the new Principal's qualities and experience be posted on the SCUSD website?	Yes, that can be done.
When will the temporary location of the school site be decided?	The temporary site location has been narrowed to seven locations. It will be kept as close to Sojourner Truth Park as possible.
Will the community be involved in the selection process of the school's temporary location?	Yes, it will be considered.
Will the school's temporary location be decided before the open enrollment process?	Yes.
What date will the decision be made for the temporary school site location?	The tentative targeted goal is December 2006.
Seniors will be able to take course work at Sacramento State University. Is it because the school will not have enough course work?	We have a partnership with Sacramento State to start college work at an earlier age. Some professors may be able to teach at SES because of transportation issues.
Are we going to offer advance courses other than engineering and science courses?	If there are enough students who are interested, we may be able to offer the courses at the SES. All courses are determined by the number of students who sign up.
For the JFK parents; would the open enrollment criteria have equal accessibility to this school?	The open enrollment criteria have not been discussed. The principle for open enrollment is to ensure that the student population is representative of the district. All students will have the opportunity to apply and all students will have equal access.
Is the open enrollment criteria published?	The open enrollment criteria will be published. The open enrollment process is run by the Open Enrollment Office.
Is there limited enrollment to SCUSD students?	Open enrollment is open to all SCUSD students. If enrollment is not to capacity, the principal may ask permission to allow students outside the district to apply

Shouldn't a Robotics team be available to students at this school?	This idea will be considered.
Could the middle school students at SES play sports at other middle schools?	This is a good question that has not come up.
Why chose 7 th and 9 th grades and what happens in the subsequent years?	It is easier to recruit 7 th and 9 th graders because bonds and social aspects have not formed as strongly yet. In the second year, there will be 7 th , 8 th , 9 th and 10 th graders at the site. Each grade level will move up, and new 7 th graders will be coming in.
What amenities will be at the new school?	New gym, outside basketball courts, two full soccer fields, softball and baseball fields, adjacent library.
Is this a vocational school?	<p>The course work is comparable to any other high school and is linked to the engineering and high school theme.</p> <p>This school is giving students the basic foundation to prepare them to apply at any university. The new school will have internship opportunities to give them better knowledge and skills levels with the partnerships we have developed.</p>
Will there be GATE classes in the 7 th and 8 th grade classes?	<p>We are looking at intervention and acceleration classes. There is not an academic criteria and GATE will not be part of the criteria. The advantage of a 7th-12th school is that the accelerated students can take algebra or geometry and can accelerate to the high school program in the progression of these courses.</p> <p>If you have a current 8th grader who's eligible to take pre-calculus, we can ask permission to see if SES students can attend those advanced classes that are not full at other high schools.</p>
What about temporary buildings for 7 th and 8 th grader or 9-12 th grade buildings?	The temporary site will house the existing building and temporary portables.
Will there be enough time to build a visual model of the school before open enrollment?	<p>The plans are similar to the current Health Professions High School. The architect can adjust and re-use the plans to save money at not having to start brand new.</p> <p>You may visit the Health Professions High School and take a tour if you want to see what the site might physically look like. The shell will be the same but the interior may be somewhat different to represent the SES school.</p>
Is this project paid for with public funding?	Yes.
Do you think there will be a lot of interest by families to attend this school?	There have been expressed interests from the introductory community engagement meetings. Many of the issues were discussed at the previous meetings. This meeting is to provide information to the community only.

	The new principal will be doing the active recruiting and will be at the next community meeting. In January, we may be having recruitment meetings. The last community engagement meeting is scheduled for December. The intent is to provide input to the SES school.
How many teachers will there be for both 7 th and 9 th graders?	There will be teachers for math, English, science and history.
Can the students take Band at the neighborhood school?	This is a good question that has not come up.
Is there a possibility to expand name of the school, i.e. environmental science than just engineering and include its curriculum?	The school of engineering and science is a placeholder and is not a permanent name. The school will be named later.

Next community engagement meeting: October 18, 2006 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. at G. Didion K-8 school.