

**Kit Carson Community Meeting**  
**March 30, 2006**  
**7:00 PM**

There were approximately 120 parents/residents in attendance and 92 parents/residents signed in. Additionally there were about 20 teachers in attendance.

**COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

**Traffic/Parking Concerns**

- Concern with traffic now,
- Keep Kit Carson the way it is
- Business member: Do not want the proposed school, we cannot get our trucks out when school is dismissed
- Traffic problem will be a killer, traffic already an issue and will be worse with high school

**Safety/Security**

- Teenagers are emotionally charged will create problems in neighborhood
- Concern about crime and vandalism increase if Kit Carson becomes a high school
- Crime in the area will be a concern with a high school.
- Home break-ins will occur in Kit Carson community areas
- Problems with students fighting in East Portal Park –this already occurs

**Facilities**

- Could partner with other schools
- Put Consent Decree High School at Serna Center
- Renegotiate the Sacramento High School Charter
- Amount of money needed to convert Kit Carson to a high school would be more than what is currently published. \$8 million compared to \$15 million at Kennedy (for the record the projected cost for Kennedy Auditorium is \$8 million)
- Kit Carson is not comparable to other existing comprehensive high schools
- Share the Sac High facility with the consent decree high school

- Attendance will be an issue at Consent Decree High School – attendance is low at existing high schools
- Our community does not sympathize, when District gave away Sacramento High School

### **Community Impact**

- Concern about process
- Impact on bike path
- Not a good idea to cut the sycamore trees
- The answers do not match previously given answers i.e. settlement or order
- The Neighborhood Association have not had the time to go through the process to have a collective opinion
- Board formally wait until Neighborhood groups have time to discuss and vote on issue
- Chose not to work w/SCUSD because of the hostile take over of Sac High
- I am a high school teacher and there will be problems
- Concern about property value, high school will lower property value
- High School different than middle school, do not need to change a good thing
- School Board needs to do a better job of listening to community concerns
- Kit Carson area is a bad fit for a high school
- This is obviously wrong
- Visually count those in favor of the proposal and those against
- You do not know what you are going to get with a high school, you will know what you get by keeping Kit Carson
- Not a neighborhood designed for a High School
- Consent decree short-term solution for a long term problem
- Board should send proposal back to committee
- Our established community would be disturbed, it would be several years before we see total effect
- Sutter with 1200 students because of Open Enrollment, impacts community negatively shoves Kit Carson out
- Unfair to make decision when we don't have enough information
- Love East Portal park, high school will depreciate area and homes
- There is nothing wrong with configuration and school as it is

## **Educational Programs**

- Program not defined, 7-12 or 9-12
- Kit Carson is a great school
- The school has a supportive and hard-working staff
- Making history in working out of PI status

## **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

- 1. How can you toss away first school in California history to work out of Program Improvement?**

There are other schools in the state that have exited Program Improvement. However, Kit Carson is to be commended for their academic improvement.

- 2. Our small high schools have small numbers. Who will attend this high school?**

High school students within the former Sacramento High School attendance area and other high school students within and outside the district will have the opportunity to attend the school.

- 3. Why compare comprehensive high school with a charter/magnet school?**

The District is not comparing between the two. The Consent Decree states that it must be a small comprehensive high school.

- 4. How can we define the effect this change would have on our community?**

We are currently engaging the community to determine what their perception of the effect the high school would have on the Kit Carson community.

- 5. What will it cost to bus to buss the students to other schools?**

The District does not provide transportation for 7-12 secondary students. Most students are transported by parents or take regional transit to school.

**6. Why are we spending money on a high school with declining enrollment?**

Currently, the declining enrollment is at the elementary level only.

**7. Can there be 24-hour security?**

No, the District does not have the financial resources to provide 24-hour security.

**8. Does the school Board have the authority to renegotiate the charter high school contract in 2008?**

Yes

**9. What is the program at Ben Holt College Preparatory High School?**

The Ben Holt College Preparatory High School is a 6-12 secondary school.

**10. What kind of high school would it be?**

The Consent Decree states that it must be a small comprehensive high school that meets A-G requirements. If the Board of Education approves the Kit Carson proposal a design/planning team will be established to work out the logistics, facility needs, educational program, grade levels, etc. for the high school.

**11. How can you justify spending dollars on new schools when laying off teachers, counselors, and librarians?**

The District cannot use Bond or Modernization funds to support staffing. These funds are for facilities only. The District will make every effort possible to rescind the layoffs for teachers, counselors and librarians.

**12. What will happen to the Kit Carson administrators and staff?**

The placement of staff would need to be worked out collaboratively with the various unions that represent that group.