



America's Choice Transition Team Meeting
May 6, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.

A. Warren McClaskey Adult School
5241 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

Transition Team Members Present: Anita Cleavinger, Beate Martinez, Charlene Noyes, Chris Marshall, Duane Wray, Nat Garth, Sue Brown, Vivian Harp, Luis Freese, Jim Hicks, Art, Temple and Arturo Flores

MINUTES

- I. Welcome & Introductions.....Luis Freese
- II. Update and Review of Current Status of America's Choice High School by Duane Wray
New School at Routier Road is 39% complete – anticipated completion date 6 weeks ahead of schedule of March 14, 2008 date at this time. Everything going very well. Lights on at night – putting roofs on the buildings and crews moving on to interior of buildings.
- III. Review of Minutes – Minutes approved with addendum and will be posted on the District website.
- IV. Review of Priority List
Discussion by the Committee members on:
 - The need for parking in back of school site
 - “Green strip” around the grounds – so that asphalt does not go all the way up to fence.
 - Disposition of portables – whether the old portables would be replaced with the newer portables currently being used by the America's Choice School.
 - Restoration of facility to better condition after America's Choice moves in Spring, 2008.

Priorities:

- ♦ Repair grounds and asphalt and re-draw parking lines after move of portable buildings. Tree wells included in plan.
This cost is included in the Interim Campus costs for America's Choice. Time frame to start work after rain subsides in March to begin improvements on the grounds. Plans include parking at rear of site where the portables with America's Choice H.S. are currently.
- ♦ Repaint McClaskey buildings with historic colors.
Could cost as much as \$151,000 and may be higher. Painting includes Architect fees, lead abatement, paint, labor, Inspector costs and dry rot repair. Color would be chosen to go with mission style regardless of original color suggested. Currently, the temporary building is painted gray and purple. There is a lot of rot

around windows in need of repair. Charlene Noyes from the Committee will research historic colors to see if feasible to re-paint original colors.

- ◆ **Improve power at site**
This expense is included in cost of portable move costs. Bill West will have SCUSD maintenance come out and review panel/power needs when moving portables. Question: Power at site – in the old portables – is it cost effective to repair old portables with power or replace old portables with new portables? Luis Freese will bring back costs for new portables and moving to old portable location.
- ◆ **Replace older portable buildings with newer portables currently being used by America's Choice school.**
Rough costs came to \$362,000 to purchase three (3) leased portables currently being used by America's Choice and demo older portables and replace with new ones. There would be a need for additional electrical power in order to move/replace portable buildings. To leave new portable buildings in current position would cost approximately \$174,000. This would include demolition of older portable buildings and include improvements to the facility.
- ◆ **New fence – wrought iron**
Rough numbers: \$20 a running foot for 16 gage wrought iron. Fence costs seemed high to committee – alternative to new fencing would be to grow something on fence – on 53rd Street side of site.
- ◆ **Grow ivy or vine on fence to enhance appearance as alternative to new fence.**
The Committee discussed growing a vine or roses instead of ivy on the perimeter fence. The District does SCUSD does not plant certain plants; next meeting the District Gardener, Tommy Greer, will come and talk about planting options for the site. Committee members would prefer Virginia Creeper which grew there before.

The Committee discussed their preference for restoration of campus vs. improvements. Committee members talked about the neighbors holding multiple points of view and how to meet the needs of the existing school with a focus on maintaining the existing buildings to serve the students. All Committee members felt the need for Principal Gilmore to give the committee her view on priorities.

Arturo Flores suggested a survey go out to the Transition Team to help determine priorities. This way the Committee could say: This is what I would like to see. Cost out priorities and come back to the Committee with results of survey and costs. Survey would assist to get a firm commitment from SCUSD of what can be done and move forward.

Would the neighbors at back of site consider leaving the portable buildings closest to the street? Is there a way to leave the portable buildings in place and satisfy the neighbors – need to sketch out “here's what we might be talking about” And alternatives and find a middle ground that all can agree on.

Short of fixing all dry rot, painting building, can we blend in the paint on the most mix matched walls? Luis Freese said that this is something that can be done. Can we do a combination of re-painting of major surfaces and over time repaint the rest? District staff agreed that this is something that we can look at.

Questions regarding additional funding from local partners, historic sites funding the Office of Preservation were covered. Committee member Charlene Noyes will check with the Office of Preservation to see if site is registered on the National registry. The McClaskey site was drawn by Architect by Deana Dean. Outstanding murals in auditorium.

V. Next StepsArturo Flores & Luis Freese

Wednesday June 6th was scheduled as the next meeting. Staff would work on research, maps and survey and send out by email before the next meeting.

- *Survey and pictures of planned ground improvements to Committee*
- *Prepare report to take suggested improvements to the SCUSD Board of Education. No date for report at this time.*
- *Staff will contact Sue Gilmore to get direction on priorities*

VI. 6:45 p.m. Meeting AdjournedArturo Flores

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Marshall