

Museum School Site Council Meeting Minutes December 4, 2009 4:30pm
Museum School Governance Council Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2009 (immediately following School Site Council Meeting)

Role Call: Mike Metcalf, Nick Watson, Gingerlily Lowe, Julie Jeanseau, Lizbeth Price, Jacqueline Kennedy, Kerry Kawamura, Phil Beaumont, Eileen Logue, Aubrey

	Item	Notes
SSC1	<p>Director's Report Renewal Update</p> <p>CSR Funding Update</p> <p>Budget Update -Eileen Logue</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charter Renewal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The San Diego Unified Board of Education voted unanimously to renew the Museum School Charter for a five year term b. The Board Report indicates that the term of this Charter shall expire on June 30, 2015. 2. Class Size Funding Issue <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Documents were sent to the CDE requesting a waiver for the denial of funds for the Museum School's CSR program beyond one class. b. The CDE has formally responded in a letter dated November 23, 2009, that indicated the original 2008-2009 K-3 CSR Operations Application was not accurately completed in Column 2. (Attachment 2) c. This application was prepared by district staff, and signed by Phil Beaumont, Museum School Director. d. In all years prior to the recent changes, the omission of indicating estimated classes would not have had any effect on funding as the balance of funds are clearly indicated to be made up from the J-7CSR Report. e. In January of 2009, changes were made to Ed. Code that changed the reporting of the J-7CSR. It now reads that funding can <i>only</i> be based on the original Operations Application. f. Options moving ahead: In order for the CDE to accept a revision of the original application, there must be a change in the legislation allowing for this <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Enlist the District's help in lobbying for this change in legislation ii. Seek aide through the district from the loss of funds. 3. Budget Update – Please see Attachment 3 Discussion of how the budget is affected by the change in the CSR legislation.

		<p>Children’s Museum, resulted in the Middle School not ever getting off the ground, and consequently, the charter expired.</p> <p>The primary benefit of a Middle School option to our community of students and families would provide the continuation of the Museum School program and eliminate some of the concerns which families may have regarding, finding a suitable middle school for their child.</p> <p>It should be noted that many families begin their search for a middle school during the 5th grade. This is due to the fact that most middle schools begin at 6th grade and continue through 8th grade. The chances of enrollment are higher for students entering at the 6th grade level as there are naturally more spots available in a brand new 6th grade class at these schools. The result of this for the Museum School at present, is there are often 5-8 students who leave the Museum School after 5th grade, resulting in lower numbers in the 6th grade setting.</p> <p>Operational benefits that a Middle School option may provide the Museum School include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easier retention of students throughout the program Possible cost savings in shared administrative costs <p>Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A team must be established to pursue the Middle School option. Team members should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Museum School staff, parents, and Board Members o Outside consultants with experience in writing charters o Members with experience in middle school programming o Members with experience in project based learning o Museum Educators - Grants are available for planning and implementation, both through the CDE and private foundations such as the Walton Family Foundation - Start up, and long term operational budgets
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	<p>Budget Scenario Grants Walton Family Planning - \$20,000 Start-up - \$250,000 Public Charter School Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be analyzed - Facilities options - A new charter would have to be an independent 501c3 charter - It would make sense for the Museum School then to change to 501c3 - Staff and Director of the middle school should have experience at middle school level - Teachers will need to have single subject qualifications <p>Possible Grants Available</p> <p>Walton Family Foundation Planning Grants – up to \$20,000 Implementation Grants – up to \$250,000</p> <p>Public Charter School Grants – CDE grants based on Federal Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site based/50 – 99 students – Max funding \$250,000 Site Based 50-99 sts /PI yr 3-5, API 1-2 Max Funding \$500,000 Site Based/100 stdts Max Funding \$450,000 Site Based/100 stdts/PI yr 3-5, API 1-2 Max Funding \$600,000 <p>* PCSG grants are based on a 2007-2010 Federal Funding cycle. CDE will be seeking a new cycle 2011-2014, but the CDE is not aware of how the program will be funded at this point. There is concern that possible funding may be steered to the Race to the Top program. The final deadline to apply for this cycle of the PCSG grant is July 31, 2009, however, we have been advised by the program manager that a better target date would be March 31, 2009, to be sure to be fully funded. PRIOR to applying for this grant, the new charter would have to be approved by the SDUSD Board of Education. <i>This makes the timeline, very short.</i></p> <p>Facilities Options: Option A Museum Elementary Program changes to K-5 and stays at 211 Maple Street Museum Middle to be located nearby at a separate facility within close proximity to Balboa Park</p>
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SSC3	Prop 39 Request - Discussion	Nick brought application for us to review.
Museum School Governance Council Meeting Agenda		
MSG1	Role Call	Role Call: Mike Metcalf, Nick Watson, Gingerlily Lowe, Julie Jeanseau, Lizbeth Price, Jacqueline Kennedy, Kerry Kawamura, Phil Beaumont, Eileen Logue, Aubrey
MSG2	Approval of Minutes (Attachment 6)	Mike moves to approve Nick 2nds Motion passes
MSG3	Mid-year Budget Review - Action Item	Budget discussion that state may come in with more mid-year budget cuts that with natural attrition of staff (aid and teacher on maternity leave) we may meet budget changes without having to take more drastic measures. Mike motion to accept mid-year budget Nick 2nds Motion passes
MSG4	Approval of 1 st Interim Budget Report – Action Item (Attachment 7)	Discussion (see attached) Mike-Motions to approve the interim budget with the amendments to reflect restoring the aides through the school year, lifting the salary freeze, restore the CSR to 21,420, and include 35,000.00 FOMs Nick approves Motion passes

MSG5	Consideration for the Approval of 2009 Audit – Action Item (Attachment 8)	Auditor's Report Aubrey went over the auditor's report from Wilkison Hadley King (see attached) Mike moves to approve with the modification of the typo error on page 5. Nick 2nds Motion passes
	Other Business	No other business Meeting adjourn