

Serra High School Foundation, Inc. General Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2009

Serra Foundation Mission Statement

Improve the future quality of life in our community through enhancing academic and athletic programs at Serra High School

Serra Foundation Website: www.serrafoundation.org

APPROVED

Present: Liz Adamski, Cara Furio, Paul Gotfredson, Janet Green, Mike Jimenez (Principal), Allison Kahn, Don Nacrelli, Jonn Pisapia, Mark Regn, Norm Ryan, Kathy Southwood, Diana Tracy, Jeff Thomas (Site Operations Specialist) and Rob Wright.

Guest: Stuart B. Markey, SDUSD Executive Director, Capital Bond Programs.

- I. **Call to order:** President Norm Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- II. **Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves & their board positions.
- III. **Special Presentation:**
 - a. Norm introduced Stuart Markey from SDUSD. He presented an overview of the status of the Proposition S funding for high schools. Mr. Markey reviewed the history of the bond program from inception on 11/08/08 as a 10 yr. plan to the current bond plan which will run 16 years. The bond was to create 2.1 billion dollars over time, yet as assessed property values have fallen, the life of the bonds needed to be extended to create that income. Property owners pay \$67.00 of every 100K for Prop. S. There are NO funds from the State of CA. In comparison, Prop. MM got \$500 million from the state.
 - b. Mr. Markey distributed a packet containing the site-specific bond project list, estimated bond project costs, and district facilities assessment for Serra.
 - c. How do projects get on the list? A company was hired to assess the condition of all 190 schools. The information was entered into a matrix based on age of the school, condition when assessed, ADA compliance, dire needs, how many years since repairs had been made and API scores. It was estimated that \$7 billion dollars was needed for 190 schools. Prop S then is meant to solve \$7 billion dollars of problems with \$2.3 billion dollars. There are no giant construction grants in this assessment. They are trying to take care of a small portion of the need, with a major part devoted to getting Information Technology (IT) to all campuses. There is \$435 million going into IT upgrades alone. On 10/06/09, the Board of Education (BOE) voted to hold all brick and mortar projects to concentrate on IT projects; all projected dates are now pushed out 2-4 years.
 - d. There are 18 high schools and Serra is ranked number 10 on the list, definitely not the worst school in terms of need.
 - e. What will go into Serra when they get to us? A Site Master Plan (SMP) is being developed to dictate what should be done over the next 20-25 years, something that has never been done. This SMP will be a template for the future and will go to the Design Task Force, which will manage the construction with community input within the confines of the language of the bond. First work at Serra will be a Data Center to house all the data (transcripts, financials, and payroll) to be built on the northeast corner of campus. In 2014, a 2-story building will be built to replace 18 portables; estimated to take 2.5 years. After that the Design Task Force will address the rest of the list.
 - f. Mr. Markey can not change the order of the projects nor the allotments. The BOE can change the order of projects and the Serra community can petition the BOE.
 - g. Prop S improvements are happening. In the past 6 months, 1300 classrooms have been equipped with SmartBoards and laptops.
 - h. Questions concerning why MiraMesa is the same age as Serra and got their turf field first, what about cracked & dangerous concrete, safety hazards, leaking restrooms, and more were answered. Basically, wait your turn and hope we have money in 2014, 2016 and beyond. Mr. Markey will share the matrix with us so we can mobilize our community and address the BOE with information.

IV. President's Report

- a. **Presentation of minutes:** Minutes of the 09/02/09 Board meeting were presented by email and approved as presented. Rob moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Liz and passed unanimously.
- b. **Treasurer's report:** Julie Matthews provided a 'Cash on Hand' report. Paul would like to see an income statement and a balance sheet. The report was deferred until November.
- c. **Membership party:** Thank you to the Tyson family for hosting the party at their lovely home. Kudos to the membership team and the party planners for a great event.
- d. **Foundation Presidents meeting:** Norm attended a meeting of local school Foundation presidents. Much discussion of the problems that arise when a Foundation funds teacher salaries. Serra Foundation has not been involved in teacher salaries.
- e. **SDUSD Data Center building planning meeting:** Norm attended the first meeting on 09/23/09 with planners from SDUSD regarding the data center building. The building will occupy the northeast corner of the school, across the staff parking access road by the science buildings. It will be a low profile, one story building, similar to the 800 building and will cost \$20 million dollars. It will house the district data center where grades, payroll, budget is kept. It will encompass 11,000 sq.ft. including 5,000 sq.ft. of classrooms. The next meetings are scheduled for 10/14 and 10/28 at Serra at 6:30 p.m.
- f. **Prop. S awareness:** Norm will write a letter to the community for publication in the *Tierra Times* about the need for Serra's future families to become vocal and be 'squeaky wheels' to get our school's improvements moved up on the list.

V. Campus Improvement Committee

- i. Rob Wright reported that Miramar Sign Works (MSW) installed the Phase II signs on 9/30/09, with assistance from Jeff Thomas. Thank you Jeff for your help in executing the installations.
- ii. While walking through the campus, 2 more signage needs were noticed by Jeff and Rob: interior campus sign for admin building and student store sign. Rob circulated a bid for Phase III of the project to include these 2 signs. Rob moved to spend up to \$3636.25 for Phase III. Janet seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- iii. Jeff mentioned that we missed signage for the science buildings. These signs may be considered Phase IV. Signage should be complete after those are done.
- iv. Rob reported that part of the deal with MSW on Phase I included 2 4'X8' banners. He asked the group for ideas on the signs, whether they should be decorative or informational.
- v. Mark Regn investigated the corner lights and distributed some photos. Bulbs are needed and Mark will contact Steve Foshay (spelling?), the SDUSD electrician. The district may need to maintain the lights. Jeff reported that the electricity for the marquee is at maximum capacity and runs along the top of the fence from Coach Giles' bungalow.
- vi. Diana Tracy circulated photos of suggested replacement chairs for the front office waiting area. She suggested replacing the worn chairs and creating a corner seating area rather than the current line up along the wall. She will work with Mike and Jeff on making a selection.

VI. Legacy Wall Project: Report deferred until next meeting.

VII. Snack Bar Jen Joyce and Mike Kelly were not in attendance.

- i. Pop Warner football has requested use of the home side snack bar for their games. Discussion ensued over loss of consumables and serving items in the past. There was not an overwhelming sense of enthusiasm for the idea, other than running an extension cord out to their snack bar rather than run a generator.

Perhaps they can use it after our FB season ends. Norm will invite Pop Warner reps. to our meeting and talk over the request.

VIII. Membership

- i. Cara Furio reported that the membership was successful this year. Putting an envelope in the party invitation has worked well, particularly for those who were not able to attend the party but sent memberships.
- ii. Rob suggested a membership list in the *Tierra Times*. Donors/members will be listed as 'anonymous' if they make their request known.

IX. Auction Darla Lopez was not in attendance. Liz Adamski reported that the auction dinner will be held on March 13, 2010 at the Chinese Community Church here in Tierrasanta with a Caribbean theme.

X. Grant Committee

- i. Paul distributed a Grant Summary for Fall 2001 through Spring 2009 listing amounts granted for each of the three categories: Academic, Administrative and Athletic. It shows an approximate balance of 50% between the academic and admin categories vs. the athletic category.
- ii. Paul also distributed the 2009 Fall Grant requests that were made. He noted that \$33,000.00 was requested for all grants in the Fall grant period. Grants totaling \$8,499.01 were funded. Paul suggested a brief article for the *Tierra Times* listing what was requested & funded and mentioning the amount of need (\$33,000.00). Rob will work on the article.
- iii. Rob moved to approve the Grant Committee recommendations. Paul seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

XI. Farmer's Market

- i. Cara asked the administration about bringing a Farmer's Market to Serra. The one that did not work at de Portola may work at Serra if held on the weekends, where there is more visibility. Mike mentioned that time and resources are scarce but if the market was well managed so that the school does not need to do a lot of the work, it would be a community benefit. Cara will work with Mike on the feasibility. Conflict with the sports snack bars was mentioned as an issue to consider.

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Items for follow up

- Norm will write an article for Jeff for the Serra Spirit newsletter.
- Norm will write an article for the *Tierra Times* regarding the Prop S situation at Serra.
- Rob will write an article for the *Tierra Times* about the unfunded grant requests/needs at Serra.
- Mark will work on the corner lighting with the SDUSD electrician.
- Diana will work with Mike and Jeff on chair selection for the front office.
- Norm will invite Pop Warner representatives to our meeting.
- Cara will work with Mike Jimenez on Farmer's Market feasibility.

Motions passed

- ✓ Approval of 09/02/09 minutes as presented.
- ✓ Approval to spend up to \$3636.25 on Phase II signage.
- ✓ Approval of Fall grants in amount of \$8,499.01 as submitted by Grant Committee.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center

Janet R. Green
Foundation Secretary
10/14/09, 10/17/09