

FAC Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021

Members Present: Chair, Darius Mozaffarian, Michael Cox, Alex Earls, Henry Hagenbuch, Rob Hale, Niki Webster

Board Member: Not Present

Others Present: Michael McDowell, Superintendent, Carol Slender, CBO

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Chair, Darius Mozaffarian

Approval of November 9, 2021, Agenda: Unanimous approval of the agenda as presented.

Approval of June 8, 2021, and September 28, 2021 Minutes: Approved the minutes of June 8, 2021 and September 28, 2021 as presented. (Nicki Webster moved, Rob Hale seconded, unanimously approved)

Superintendent McDowell - School/District Update:

Bill Leschier and Michael traveled to Washington DC to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award presented by the Deputy Secretary of Education. Presenting the award to the School Board tomorrow night at the board meeting along with recognizing our student council for the Forestry Challenge and requesting approval of the District 5-Year Strategic Plan. We are very excited that the pediatric vaccine started last weekend. We will be launching again this coming Saturday and Sunday and the next several weekends. Very confident that we will be able to get our students fully vaccinated by January which would allow us to take the masks off outside. We have removed the masking requirement for adults indoors in the school as long as there are no children present.

Updates for the 2021-22 Project List:

Michael Cox – Generator/Solar Battery Backup:

Carol Slender and Michael Cox met with Tom Williard of Sage Consulting. Sage Consulting had completed a feasibility study and managed the solar installation a couple of years ago. Discussed various changes to the market, needs and asks of the school, and have just signed an agreement to redo a feasibility study with a due date of March 2022. Goals are to have complete backup power and it's unlikely to have solar and batteries only. Likely to have third baseload component with some sort of generator, trying to stay as green as possible and full baseload so we would not have any student days lost due to power outages of any kind. Also discussed the existing solar on the roof that was originally paid with cash and the potential to translate into a PPA to create some up-front cash. Hopefully between now and March we will have pretty good feedback of what is possible.

We also discussed issues with HVAC system and possible holistic energy efficient project in combination with solar batteries.

Niki Webster – Parcel Tax:

In advance to renewing our parcel tax trying to obtain some understanding of what did not work out for Kentfield and Tamalpais Unified School District. In both instances they failed the initial vote to have their parcel tax renewed and had to go back to drawing board and propose an alternative solution in which both passed on the second proposal.

A number of things we need to consider:

- Timing is really important
- Possible Oversight Committee (Kentfield put into place)
- Interest Groups Concerns
 - Strategy/Prepping Community
 - Possible push back from interest groups
- Marketing Importance/Use of Funds – Instructional not Administrative Costs/Clear language

More detail of what did not work for Kentfield was parcel tax followed up closely after their Bond Measure and included a 5% increase in the escalator. Failed by a wide margin and then engaged consultants and heavy marketing, reduced escalator to 3% and communicated this was a renewal not a new parcel tax. Second attempt passed by narrow margin.

Tamalpais failed first time due to special increase in parcel tax followed by renewal shortly thereafter. They tried to add an additional amount per parcel and ending up removing only including escalator. Second attempt passed.

Jim Robillard and Alex Earls – Foundation: No Update Provided

Jim Robillard and Alex Earls – School Budget: No Updated Provided

Robert Hale – Liquidity Project: No Update Provided

Gino Canori and Henry Hagenbuch - Improve Service Levels/Ross Commons: No Update Provided

Next Meeting – December 8, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.