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Francophone Charter School of Oakland Facilities Committee Regular Meeting

6701 Chabot Road, Oakland, CA

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm

1. OPENING ITEMS

a. **Call to Order at 7:08 PM.**

b. **Roll Call**

Committee Member Name	Present	Absent
Randy Schmidt	X	
Nathan Dison	X	
Claudine Ozzello		X
Mathilde Andrejko	X	
Frédéric Boulay	X	
Adoubou Traoré		X
Eric Eidlin	X	

Guest: Peter Laub, Edtec; Amélie Dupont, Francophone Charter School of Oakland
One member of the public arrived at 8:30 p.m.

c. **Approval of Agenda**

d. **Approval of Minutes (July 12, Sept 7)**

There were no additional comments on the minutes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. **Update on Prop 39 Application: Enrollment Projections, Facilities Needs, Interested Student Forms, etc.**

The school only has 55% of in-district students this year. Our legal counsel advised us to ask for our site.

Peter Laub thinks it is too soon for asking for a long-term lease anywhere else. The district is interested in getting schools settled in permanent sites. But there is a lot of demand, and they have their own sites to oversee. They are not currently thinking about closing any sites. It would be a rational thing to do, but it is controversial (it was difficult to do 4 years ago). Most elementary schools are undersized. Lakeview brings in commuter kids (West Oakland). We would want to talk when it can be a long-term solution for us. And we don't currently have a

lot to bring to the table relative to finances. Howard Elementary should probably close. On paper it needs 7 classrooms; it has 22 classrooms.

→ *Action item: For the long-term, it is worth reaching out to OUSD's facilities team about Howard. The district is motivated to find space. It's difficult because of our low in-district ratio.*

b. **Review Private Spaces Funding Options & Timeline**

Possibilities to look at:

- Catholic schools. Peter says he wouldn't be surprised if they continue to consolidate. FCSO is appealing because it's an elementary school.
→ *Action Item: Contact Diocese of Oakland. Try calling individual schools.*
- Universities. Patten is already claimed. Mills typically doesn't house schools (no space).
→ *Action item: Look at Merritt University*
- Former charter school sites.
 - EC Reams campus (closed a few years ago) It doesn't seem like it's been leased. It used to have capacity of 250. It was a K-8 charter. It is located next to Castlemont. SB740 eligible.
→ *Action Item: Contact church that houses EC Reams*
 - A Method MS moved out of facility that was Fruitvale, 3001 International Blvd.
- Private site. It's easier to build when a school is full grown. We are a few years off from that being a viable option. When we are around 200-300, incentives grant money. \$1000/students (federal grant, administered by Treasurer's office). 3 year grant capped at \$1000/ADA of the year when apply. If construction, can get \$750,000.
- Emeryville had the swing campus. Had another campus that Piedmont was using when they refurbishing Beach school, Longfellow, on 61st and Doyle.
→ *Action Item: Talk to school district in Emeryville*

Funding:

- Incentives Grant program--timing is important
- SB740. Disbursement 50% in Sept-Oct, 25% in March, 25% end of year (something to negotiate in lease agreement with private facility).

Short-term solutions for current campus:

- Split campus: Randy left message with the following but hasn't heard back:
 - Cox Academy, down the street
 - Church near school,
 - Les Petits Francophones→ *Action item: follow up with all of them.*
- Construction
- Tent structure--concrete blocks to hold it down.
- Cafeteria: Frédéric has a soundproofed wall made for an event that we could reuse for

the cafeteria.

c. Discuss Future Parent Engagement Events Around Facilities

At least one additional meeting after February 1, with 2 meeting times. Try 2:30pm meeting time option. Ask for RSVP

Suggestion: piggy-backing on ED coffee

d. Outline Next Steps and Related Action Items

- Current space:
 - Follow up with nearby spaces
 - Order tent
 - Ask Bishop O'Dowd (Amélie)
- Additional private options:
 - EC Reams
 - American Indian on 35th?
 - American Indian--space in their building downtown?
- Catholic schools:
 - St Martin de Porre (Nate)
 - Diocese facilities department (Mathilde)
- Contact Emeryville school district (Mathilde/Lori)

e. Review of Agenda Items for Next Meeting(s)

Tabled

f. Meeting Evaluation: What Went Well? What Can Be Improved?

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4. ADJOURN AT 9:30 PM