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**Education And Youth Services Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**April 30, 2003**

**PRESENT:** Bob Canter, Marion Casey, Renita Cummings, Nora Davis, Henry Der, Melodi Dice, Miguel Dwin, John Flores, Forrest Gee, John Gooding, Dick Kassis, Marcelline Krafchick, Anita Larson, Steve Rasmussen, Joshua Simon, Tony Smith, Ken Taylor, Cheryl Webb, Sharon Wilchar, Suzanne Wallace, Ellen Whittom, Michelle DeGuzman, Cliff Thompson, Ruth Atkin, Lottie Rose, Jeff DePuy

**I. Welcome and Introductions.**

The meeting notes from the meeting of January 29, 2003 were unanimously approved.

**II. Citizens to be Heard.**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**III. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Facilities Subcommittee: Joshua Simon (co-chair) reported that the staff of EUSD and the City interviewed consultants to assist with the facilities planning process and selected a consultant team. During the next month, this group will be working to pull together the baseline data that is needed to begin the facilities planning process. He announced that we are planning to hold a joint meeting of the Facilities and Finance Subcommittees on Monday, June 9, 2003. At this time, the consultant will bring the baseline information and start working with the community to identify needs and options. Specific meeting time information will be provided to all EYSAC members by mail. Dick Kassis (co-chair) clarified that this is the beginning of the facilities planning process and that no decisions have been made. He reported that the City Council reconfirmed their direction to relocate AC Transit because it no longer makes sense to have a large bus maintenance facility in the middle of Emeryville. The City Council will proceed with this effort regardless of the decisions that are made on location of school facilities.
- b. Programs Subcommittee: Forrest Gee (co-chair) presented the results of the Teacher Survey that was completed by the Program Subcommittee. The summary document that was circulated is attached to these meeting notes. He reported that the Program Subcommittee would be completing a Parent Survey. They will also continue with site visits to successful small schools (Chabot and Ascend in Oakland, San Francisco Community School) and a visit to the Fremont Family Services Center. There was discussion regarding the success at Ascend School, which is a new small school in Oakland based on the inquiry model. Tony Smith (MSTI Program Manager) provided additional information about this school and pointed out that Emeryville is a different situation, because we are working on conversion of existing schools rather

than starting a new school from scratch. Our process will take longer to create the basic school infrastructure that is needed to be a successful small school.

There was discussion regarding the school site council process that has occurred at Emery school sites this year. It has been a positive process at the various school sites that has brought parents and teachers together to make important funding decisions. It was expressed that this process has laid a very positive foundation for the school community to work together.

- c. Finance Subcommittee: John Gooding (co-chair) reported that since the EYSAC had unanimously supported and recommended the Parcel Tax measure at its last meeting, several other bodies have unanimously endorsed it, including the Emery Unified School District Advisory Board, the Emeryville City Council, the Emery Education Foundation and the Emeryville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The campaign committee, BEST (Better Emeryville Schools Today) has been formed and is making lots of positive progress in the campaign for the parcel tax. John Gooding reminded the committee that Election Day is June 3, 2003, and that this decision is of vital importance to the future of EUSD.

**IV. EYSAC Progress Report to EUSD and City.**

John Gooding reported that he would be presenting a progress report on EYSAC to the EUSD Advisory Board on May 19, 2003 and to the Emeryville City Council on May 20, 2003.

**V. Updated Meeting Calendar**

An updated meeting calendar was provided. Sharon Wilchar indicated that there is a conflict between the Subcommittee Meeting nights and the regular meetings of the Celebration of the Arts Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. This conflict is especially problematic now as Celebration of the Arts work is gearing up. Staff indicated that we would look into the possibility of moving the Subcommittee Meeting nights to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month and would send out a revised meeting calendar as soon as this is resolved.

**VI. Member Comments.**

There were no member comments.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned.**

Next Subcommittee meetings will be held on June 9, 2003.

Next EYSAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2003.