

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
East/West Auditorium, Mercy
General Hospital (4001 J Street)
December 5, 2011 – 5:30pm
MINUTES

In attendance: Brian Augusta, Louise Buford, David Diepenbrock, Paul Noble, and Barbara Schor. Because a quorum was not present, no official business was conducted. However, those present listened to a guest presentation by Phil Pluckenbaum, a representative of the Sacramento Comprehensive High School Coalition (SCHSC).

The main points Mr. Pluckenbaum covered are as follows:

- SCHSC wants a pedestrian accessible alternative to Hiram Johnson, which is the high school that currently serves East Sacramento.
- In 1993, East Sacramento lost Sacramento High as a school serving our area.
- The enrollment of St. Hope Charter School (which now occupies the old Sac High campus), has declined from 1400 to 900; less than 200 of those students live in the old Sac High attendance area.
- West Campus is located at 58th Street and E. 14th. West Campus is a popular alternative to Hiram Johnson, but it has a small enrollment.
- Phil met with St. Hope's Chancellor and confirmed that St Hope would fit at West Campus, but St. Hope opposes such a move.
- Moving West Campus to the St. Hope location would give West Campus room to grow. West presently can accommodate up to 1,000 students.
- A West Campus/St. Hope co-location would be difficult because the programs are operated separately; one is a charter; the other is a district school.
- Of the 600 8th graders now at Sutter MS, ½ are from outside the attendance area; Kit Carson presently enrolls about 400 8th graders. 400 students in the Kit Carson attendance area opt out of that school.
- Last year 600 9th graders left Sac Unified for other schools. Because Hiram Johnson is a program improvement school, students are allowed to transfer to another Sac City school. But that doesn't automatically allow them to transfer out of the District.
- McClatchy's enrollment is currently capped at 2,200; the school's capacity is 2,400.
- The 7-11 report re school closures/consolidations showed a net loss of moving West Campus to Sac High of \$50,000, which is the equivalent of 10 students @ \$5,000 each.
- Other options: Cannery Business Park won't work; Sutter Memorial may not be large enough, and the expense of a new facility is a problem. Neighbors oppose a high school at the current Kit Carson location.

Those present adjourned following Mr. Pluckenbaum's presentation.