

Los Altos School District
Citizens Advisory Committee for Finance
Meeting Notes – December 13, 2023

Attendees

Committee Members, present: Gary Hedden, Robin Abrams, Lori Sevcik, Kellie Riccoboni, Laura Teksler, Jill Williams, Peipei Yu, Stella Kam, Fred Gallagher, Curtis Cole, Jon Michaelson(chair),

Absent:

Staff: Erik Walukiewicz

Guests: None

1. **Call to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There were no members of the public present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of October 25, 2023 approved with spelling change on Jon Michaelson's name
4. **District and Financial Update:** Erik presented 1st Interim, District in better position with the passage of Measure A and some one time funding was restored. Property Tax growth is at 5.72% but there is less turnover. Expenses are increasing faster than revenue. Slowing economy is a concern. Next Property Tax meeting is in February with the Santa Clara County Assessors Office.
5. **Ad Hoc Subcommittees:**
 - 5.1. Operations: Committee has met to prepare and start planning for the mid- year report. Discussion on class size and retaining small neighborhood schools which constrains budget and ability to attract and retain staff with higher compensation. The committee continues to prepare for the mid-year report. Curtis shared a slide deck on ideas and brain storm on various scenarios.
 - 5.2. Enrollment: The Committee is recommending to wait to do an enrollment study every other year. District will be sharing the enrollment study at the 2nd meeting in January.
 - 5.3. Communications: Discussion and Slide Deck on Budget 101 to help educate and inform public on our budget since there was quite a bit on mis-information being discussed prior to the parcel tax election. Erik has sent Stella and Laura information on the last year expenditures for the 22/23 report card. Discussion about providing a short bio for the website.
 - 5.4. Membership: Lot of work on recruiting new members and having a succession plan for replacing members. Robin shared slide deck on membership and discussion recruitment, length of terms, who should be on CACF? The committee is considering ideas to help with recruiting, including term limits and changing the size of the committee. Will bring back for the February meeting.
 - 5.5. Other/Capital: Master Planning under way and moving forward to analyze all of the facility needs.
6. **Other Business: Adjournment:** Jon adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

2023–24 Meeting Schedule:

Aug 23	Sept 27	Oct 25	Dec 13	Jan 10	Feb 28	Mar 27	Apr 24	May 22
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