



Pacifica School District

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MEMORANDUM

Administrative Services

Agenda Item: 8a
Meeting of 1/13/10

TO: Susan Vickrey, Superintendent
for Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Josephine Peterson, Chief Business Official

SUBJECT: **Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report
(Information)**

The Measure N Parcel Tax (Save Pacifica Schools Act) ballot language stated that the Parcel Tax would have "independent citizen oversight". In the fall of 2008, the Pacifica Board of Trustees established a committee to review expenditures and to report to the public regarding the match of expenditures to the ballot language. The Committee consists of six parents (one from each school site selected by the Parent Teacher Organization) and six community members (selected through an application process by the Governing Board). Members of the committee are:

School Representatives:

Cabrillo	Mike Ray (chairperson)
Ingrid B. Lacy	Jan Dolan
Ocean Shore	Kathy Shiokari
Ortega	Nancy Urdaneta
Sunset Ridge	Angelica Teaupa (notetaker)
Vallemar	Laura Vuskovic

Community Representatives

Marisa George
Warren Hultberg
Judith Kell
Remi Tan (co-chairperson)
Jim Wagner
Richard Zuromski

Eileen Manning-Villar (Trustee), Susan Vickrey (Superintendent) and Josie Peterson (Chief Business Official) attend the Committee meetings as non-voting members.

The Committee has met four times (December 9, 2008, January 5th, June 22nd and December 9th 2009) to review expenditures. At the last meeting in December, the committee reviewed the final expenditures for 2008-2009 and Board approved expenditures for 2009-10.

Mike Ray, Committee chairperson, will present a report of the Committee's review.

Approved for Board Presentation

**Pacifica School District
Parcel Tax Oversight Committee
Annual Report – January 13, 2010**

Committee Members

Mike Ray, Chair
Remi Tan, Vice-Chair
Angelica Teaupā, Note taker
Jan Dolan
Marisa George
Warren Hultberg

Judith Kell
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Summary

The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (“the Committee”) has determined that the expenditures approved by the Pacifica School District’s Governing Board are consistent with and support the ballot language contained within the Measure N Parcel Tax. Those expenditures are as follows:

Ballot Language	Expenditure	2008/09 Amount	2009/10 Budget
Attract and retain qualified teachers	Bonus of 3.5% of salary for all teachers	\$342,211	\$0
Attract and retain qualified teachers	50% of the cost of BTSA (a professional development support program for new teachers)	\$55,000	\$52,334
Protect vital academic programs	Literacy coach salary and benefits to support professional development for teacher including Writers Workshop.	\$100,268	\$157,666 ⁽¹⁾
Maintain high quality education / Preserve small class sizes	An additional teacher for class size reduction in 4 th and 5 th grades at Sunset Ridge	\$45,419	\$0 ⁽²⁾
Maintain high quality education / Protect vital academic programs	Funding to support after school tutoring and homework clubs at all schools	\$4,242	\$0
Maintain high quality education / Protect vital academic programs	Professional development for teachers in science - workshops on the new FOSS and CPO science kits	\$6,510	\$0
Protect local elementary and middle schools from state budget cuts	Offset State reductions in revenue limits and categorical budgets (over \$1 million for 08/09). Used to pay teachers salaries.	\$370,000	\$790,000
Total expenditures		\$923,650	\$1,000,000
Parcel Tax Revenue		\$1,084,088	\$1,000,000 (expected)
Balance carried forward		\$160,438	

(1) Higher than 08/09 due to loss of a Noyce Foundation Grant.

(2) Position not rehired due to budget cuts.

Additional Remarks

Clearly, the Measure N parcel tax funds have saved teachers' jobs in the Pacifica School District ("the District"). Without these vital funds, the District would most likely have had to increase class sizes, thereby laying off teachers and adding to the already high unemployment statistics. It's important to recognize that all parcel tax money remains in Pacifica. The state cannot acquire or displace these funds. The Committee would like to thank the property owners of Pacifica for rallying behind the District that has been facing daunting budgetary constraints for several years in a row.

The Committee would also like to acknowledge the District for their cooperation and guidance over the past year. In particular, a special thanks to Susan Vickrey and Josie Peterson for their responsiveness and generosity with their time.