# MENDOCINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 7-11 COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### 4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

Present: Ken Matheson, Bones Newstead, Harold Hauck, Elise Boyle, Elaine Hillesland, Gail Dickenson, Gail Daly arrived later Absent: Sam Waldman

### APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 20TH, 2009

Matheson/Hauck (6/0) to approve the minutes

### CORRESPONDENCE

Gail Dickenson read an email regarding a potential use of the Old Historic Grammar School (Rec Center).

# COMMITTEE REPORT

Questionnaire Committee

Ken Matheson shared that the committee (Matheson, Daly, Newstead, as available) worked on the survey/questionnaire and then had Nice Alterman review it. Ken noted that the attempt was to keep the questionnaire as simple as possible. There was some discussion by the 7-11 committee members as to whether the first page had too much information. These concerns were resolved. Ken shared that Nice suggested the committee try to interest the paper in doing an article on the committees work and the questionnaire. The committee discussed whether the questionnaire should be limited to MUSD boundaries and decided to include results from anyone who wished to complete the questionnaire, but track the non-MUSD results separately. This resulted in changing the first page of the survey along with several other suggested changes. It was agreed to provide the questionnaire in the following ways: mail to parents and voters, put it online, make it available at the Rec center and MUSE Fun Fair. It should be returned either on line, to a listed mail box, or collected at the MUSE Fun Fair.

### TIMED ITEM 5:00 PM: PARENT/COMMUNITY COMMENT

A community member asked whether the cover letter for the questionnaire made it clear enough that the committees work will result in a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, but the Board will ultimately make the decision regarding the property and building (the questionnaire was amended accordingly)

### CONTINUE TO FINALIZE A TIMELINE

Questionnaire

It was suggested that the Beacon be notified that the questionnaire will be sent out to soon (this was effected by later decisions of the committee).

Vision Session

The committee revisited the timeline established at the last meeting, questioning how realistic it was to get everything done.

MSA Hauck/Matheson (7/0) to revise the timeline to: take advantage of the MUSE Fun Fair with a booth providing the questionnaire and conducting tours; wait until after summer in September to do the mailing and vision session. This would still allow time to hold one vision meeting in September, get the survey done, and get a report to the Board by approximately October.

Members offered to do the following:

Ken will talk to Will Smith to find out his availability in September to facilitate the vision session.

Gail will find out about the voter registrations lists Still need someone to coordinate publicity

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- The next meeting will be June 1, 2009, from 4-6 pm
- The committee would like a better understanding of the Naylor Act (specifically, whether any buyer of the property would have to maintain Friendship Park and possibly the children's play area in the same manner).
- Finalize preparations for the Fun Fair: booth, tours, questionnaire
- Continue to finalize the timeline

Adjourned at 6 pm

The duties of the 7-11 Committee include reviewing projected school enrollment, district facility needs, and other data to determine the amount of surplus space and property, taking community input on acceptable uses, establishing a priority list of use of surplus space and real property that will be acceptable to the community, circulating the list throughout the community, and forwarding an advisory report recommending the appropriate future use of the property to the Board.