

Subject: Agenda for tomorrow night's meeting

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First of all, I'm back! Sorry to be out of sight for so long. My sister had a beautiful baby boy and I helped a great deal.

I made a bunch of calls to you folks and came up with the following agenda. I apologize if it does not address the current "snapshot" of where you are at. I do think that our current goal should be to sum up and begin to fine tune any realistic alternative plans.

Francisco, I think that our committee should be able to see these two letters that the district has received from Pacific Legal Foundation. I would like to see its wording. Could you get your hands on them and bring them to the next meeting?

The remaining meeting dates are: May 1st, May 15th and June 5th, with our report being given on June 20th. I would propose that we step things up and meet on May 29th as well. Let's give this our best shot. It has seemed to me that this infrequent meeting schedule has caused a lack of momentum. Can we step things up just a bit with this added meeting date? You can bring your answer to tomorrow's meeting. If you are not attending then let me know by email.

The agenda is here pasted and as an attachment.

**Tuesday, May 1st, 7:15 pm
Berkeley Alternative High School.
Agenda**

I. Where do we go from here? (40 minutes)

A. Alternative plans thusfar suggested need to be evaluated and a final list needs to be made. Our presentation to the School Board is coming up!

1. Choice Fill
2. Seats saved for 2nd Round (as suggested by L. Lee)
3. Magnet Band Map (SES)
4. Parent Education Level? What came of this information?
5. A combination of the above? (see 2nd page of agenda for Roia's suggestion)

II. Presentation by Bruce Wicinas and Derick Miller on new results of the Band Map and other new studies. (30 minutes)

III. Breaking down the Other category on the Preference Forms (30 minutes)

A. Where are we with this? Any conclusions so far?

IV. Results of the information gathering regarding school site equity by Francisco Martinez (20 minutes)

A. How can we use this information to make a concise point to the Board regarding the importance of school site equity?

V. Adourn (9:15pm)

Roia's proposal:

In February,

Parent Access Office would determine which schools fill on a choice fill basis once first round applications have been received. These schools would be placed in Category A, and called Choice Fill Schools. Category A schools might include: Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Washington, Le Conte and John Muir.

Category B schools would be those which need to hold seats for round two applicants. Category B schools might include: Jefferson, Cragmont, Oxford, Whittier, Emerson and Franklin.

*** Where would Thousand Oaks go?


Category B schools would be filled up to 50% capacity. Any remaining applicants for Category B schools would be placed on a waiting list.

In June,

Round two will attempt to fill the remaining 50% of Category B schools. Once new applicants have been placed, the waiting lists can be addressed.

Any new applicants who visit the Parent Access Office after the June 2nd round, will be manually assigned and their parents will be required to watch a short video on the student assignment process. The goal here is to increase awareness of district deadlines, so that new applicants can spread the information to other parents of preschool age children.

** Could there be a video viewing room at the Parent Access Office?

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