Bond Program Update
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The Measure J Bond Program has been going through some major changes since our last newsletter. Key players have left the District, but the construction has moved forward. The SSFUSD is pleased with the new 33,000 square footage of classrooms we received at SSFHS. The staff and students at Junipero Serra are delighted with their new classrooms, Exploratorium and Library. Nannette Cole, Admin at JS, “feels a sense of pride about our new classrooms, library and exploratorium.” Buri Buri, despite many setbacks, was able to seat her students in new classrooms on August 12th.

Both projects at SSFHS and Junipero Serra are in the punch list phase and will be closed out soon. The punch list for the first phase at Buri is being compiled. Punch list items are items of work that had been overlooked or are sub-par; the contractor does his own internal punch walk before the buildings are punch walked by architects, engineers, our construction manager and site staff. A master punch list is then issued, and the contractor has 60 days to complete.

The District hosted two ribbon cutting ceremonies in September. On September 18th, Junipero Serra welcomed District staff, community leaders, local, state and regional representatives and construction team members for their building dedication ceremony. A splendid table was set with refreshments supplied by USS Cal Builders, and lumpia prepared by the JS staff.

On a typical windy SSF afternoon on September 25th, Principal Rapaido and her staff hosted the ribbon cutting at South San Francisco High School. Superintendent Moore addressed the audience; and, SSFHS alum, Board President Bush shared how proud she was of the work the District is doing. In August, SSFHS opened twenty new classrooms housed in three buildings which included six new up-to-date science classrooms. USS Cal also supplied refreshments.

Salom Samad, District Construction Manager, has worked tirelessly this past summer to ensure these classrooms were ready for occupancy on August 12th despite the staff shortage in the Bond Office. A hearty thank you to Salom for his work above and beyond the call of duty. The Bond Office also thanks all the communities involved for their patience, understanding and input. Thank you for your support.
Martin Elementary School

Although last at bat, the District will not let the Martin Elementary School project fall through the cracks. The Bond Office has issued requests for qualifications to many architectural firms. There will be a meeting with the Martin Bond Committee to update the site of progress of their project. A new architect will assist the District in drawing up a new master plan for Martin which will incorporate the input from our consultants, the Martin staff and community. We look forward to our Martin project and bringing new and healthy learning environments to our Martin kids.

Parkway Construction Update

Parkway is not only a complex project, but on a complicated site. There are several phases of the project to manage while school is in session. The Interim Housing, a separate project completed in 2014, is temporary classroom space for the duration of construction. The Locker Room Renovation and Counseling Building were substantially completed over the summer; Building D (12PK) and the West Campus are set for completion very soon. Once the Building D/West Campus phase is complete, we’ll move to the next phase which will include the construction of another 12PK classroom building.

Summer Projects

Junipero Serra’s project was successfully completed in summer 2015. Due to the incredible volume of construction work last summer, the Board decided to move the classroom replacement projects at Los Cerritos and Sunshine Gardens to the summer of 2016. All the construction plans for both these projects have been DSA approved. Work will commence the day after students are released for the summer in 2016. These two projects, along with the Martin project, will wrap up the Measure J Bond Program.

Fall Activities

Buri Buri and Parkway projects continue
Preparations for Summer 2016 work at Los Cerritos & Sunshine Gardens, Martin Project

NEXT BURI BURI COMMUNITY MEETING
November 2015
Date & Time TBA