



In other business, the board made a recommendation to move forward with modified plans for continued use at the Crystal Springs Cross Country Course in Belmont and gave an update on use for the San Mateo Athletic Club — both topics the center of some debate.

The cross country course, which sees wide use from middle school and high school programs on the Peninsula and beyond, has become an issue for some local homeowners who've raised concerns over parking and traffic.

In recognition of concerns, the number of yearly meets at the site will now be capped at 25, with only five meets annually allowed to exceed 1,000 participants and only five meets annually allowed to take place on Saturdays. Additionally, race organizers and the district will explore using alternative entrance points. According to

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Chancellor Michael Claire, the course usually hosts 30 to 35 meets annually.

“After a lot of consideration, and looking at the history of the course, we’re trying to find that middle ground,” Claire said, noting the abundance of public comment on the matter during the board’s last meeting.

services and staffing, Claire said. The board also announced the hiring of a new employee with experience managing and operating fitness clubs who will oversee the transition and future operations.

“It’s my hope that we don’t lose sight of the fact that becoming a zero cost entity is the ultimate goal,” President Thomas Nuris said. “We traded off an entity that made a lot of money for the district and provided a lot of benefit to go in this direction.”

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