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<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Committee Member	Steve Tate
<b>City of Morgan Hill</b>	Committee Member	Larry Carr
<b>Development Services Center</b>	Committee Member	Rich Constantine (Alternate)
<b>17575 Peak Ave</b>	Committee Member	Don Moody
<b>Morgan Hill, CA 95037</b>	Committee Member	Ron Woolf
	Committee Member	Shellé Thomas (Alternate)
	Staff	Steve Rymer
	Staff	Steve Betando

**CITY /SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

Council Member Larry Carr convened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Present: Council Members Larry Carr and Rich Constantine, Trustee Shellé Thomas and President Don Moody, Superintendent Steve Betando, City Manager Steve Rymer, Police Captain Shane Palsgrove, District Staff Kirsten Perez, Anessa Espinosa, and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Wilson (note taking)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*There were no public comments.*

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

*The Agenda was posted per Government Code 54954.2*

1. Information / Discussion Items

**1) City of Morgan Hill updates**

*City Manager Steve Rymer shared that the budget this year will be a \$42 million budget. We are looking at adding 5 positions this year as well as some new technology within the Police Department. One of the new officers will be a corporal that will work directly with the local hotels in an effort to prevent undesirable activity. The General Plan update continues. We have 9 or 10 General Plan amendments that are moving ahead of the General Plan Update Process.*

*Council Member Carr talked about the City's development rate. The City is in a catch up mode after six years of no building with on-going allocations throughout those years. We have around 400 units in our backlog. Once those are completed we will be at a 1% to 2% percent growth rate. One thing that is being looked at through the General Plan Update Process is how the implementation of growth control can be changed to not put the District behind in developing new schools. The Council has built in two more years of funding for the Healthy Kids Program and is hoping that will open up more opportunities to engage with youth in Morgan Hill. Funding will also continue for the El Toro Youth Center. The United Way 211 service provides access to county and statewide services. The Council is also starting to fund this service again. The Grand Opening of the Council Chamber was a huge success and the District is welcome and encouraged to have any meetings in the space.*

*Steve Betando stated that the District has two student generation rates one for high school and one for elementary school. The district only has one site; there is a strong need for more designated school sites. One way to remedy the situation of building new schools that open at capacity is to put conditions on the developers to build the school before the development is complete and you work to fill the school up as the homes are populated.*

*Captain Shane Palsgrove shared that the Police Department has had a few marijuana cases at Martin Murphy, Live Oak and Sobrato, but nothing alarming. A vapor pen was collected from Jackson Math and Music Academy. The School Resource Officer was asked to meet with the seventh and eighth graders and had a discussion on the harms and dangers of vapor pens. The Cal grip School Resource Officer has met with 93 students that were identified as "at risk" and spent about 27 hours with them. The School Resource officer will attend training in two weeks and will start the parent project at the beginning of the new school year. That program is held twice throughout the school year. At the Britton Middle School Career day we passed out over 100 explorer applications. Lastly a student won lunch with the School Resource Officer through the Nordstrom School Raffle.*

## **2) School District updates**

*Superintendent Betando reported that the high school graduates this year are going to four year schools and USCs throughout the country as well as all branches of the military. Live Oak and Sobrato had 270 graduates and Central had 51 graduates. Scholarships were amazing with over \$3 million in scholarships combined, with about half the students receiving scholarships. Last year Live Oak went through a review process and got a six year accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This year Sobrato got a six year accreditation. At Live Oak, 404 students were absent on May 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Patriot Group demonstration. The approval for the LCAP is coming up. The district has three goals for 2014-2017; College and Career Readiness, Parent Engagement, and Student Engagement and School Climate.*

*Superintendent Betando shared the Board approved a six percent raise for teachers. This will allow the District to recruit at the higher salary schedule. The Board is making a consciences effort to hire the best teachers. They are also working on a tiered schedule for the administrative staff. The District is hiring principals for four sites. They have already hired the principal for San Martin Gwinn and are in the process of hiring a principal for PA Walsh. They will also be hiring principals for Central High School and Barrett Elementary.*

**3) Britton Middle School Remodel**

*Anessa Espinosa shared that a survey was conducted online recently to learn what the community would like to see at Britton Middle School, over 7 pages of comments came in. The District is anticipating a very aggressive timeline of around 4 years opening in August 2018. The project would completely revamp the school site. The current plan is to have the same amount of classrooms, but there is potential to not demo all of the old classrooms to increase capacity. An increase in capacity may be necessary in the future as class sizes are reviewed and addressed. The Measure G funds that are funding this project are for new construction not for adding capacity.*

*Council Member Carr shared that at the last Council meeting the Council approved the purchase of the Sunsweet site downtown to build the parking garage.*

**4) Corporation Yard Clean Up**

*Superintendent Betando shared the project is complete. With the completion, the Joint Powers Agreement will be dissolved.*

2. Approve minutes of City/School Liaison meeting of April 25, 2014  
Motion: S Thomas / Second: L Carr / Ayes: Unanimous Constantine (Abstained)
3. Topics for next meeting: General Plan Update with focus on School Sites

*The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2014 at the City's Development Services Center.*

ADJOURNMENT – *the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.*

**Future Meetings:** (all meetings start at 8:30 a.m.)

- Friday, August 22, 2014 (City)
- Friday, October 24, 2014 (MHUSD)
- Friday, December 19, 2014 (City)