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15600 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

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| Meeting Location: | Committee Member | Steve Tate |
| Morgan Hill Unified School District | Committee Member | Larry Carr |
| 15600 Concord Circle | Committee Member | Rich Constantine (Alternate) |
| Morgan Hill, CA 95037 | Committee Member | Don Moody |
| | Committee Member | Ron Woolf |
| | Committee Member | Shellé Thomas (Alternate) |
| | Staff | Steve Rymer |
| | Staff | Steve Betando |

**CITY /SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014
MINUTES**

Trustee Ron Woolf convened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Present:

Council Member Gordon Siebert, Trustee Shellé Thomas, Trustee Ron Woolf, Superintendent Steve Betando, City Manager Steve Rymer, Police Chief David Swing, District Staff Kirsten Perez, Anessa Espinosa, Linda Row, Casino Fajardo, and Deputy City Clerk 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**
 - a) Morgan Hill Downtown “It’s Happening”**

City Manager Rymer shared that there is a new website www.mhdowntown.com. By noon today, Monterey Road downtown between First and Third Streets will be closed through tomorrow to evaluate what works and doesn’t in the event that the City Council decides to move forward with the six month closure trial period. We will be looking at access for public safety vehicles and buses, as well as the interplay between one lane and the use of the “other” lane. A status report will be brought to the City Council on November 19. We will formally ask the City Council if they want to move forward with the six month trial. We will be monitoring the impacts on the community, downtown, neighborhoods, and common thoroughfares.

The downtown parking structure is progressing, we are down to three firms based on the RFP. In the near future, the City Council will be asked to award the project to one of those firms with construction beginning in March. After the construction is completed we will begin working to improve Third and Fourth Streets.

b) Police Department Update

Police Chief Swing shared that we have had three or four cases of the use, possession, consumption and sales, etc. of wax, which is a highly concentrated form of Marijuana, at our schools. He continued that during the first few months of school year, they have encountered some entrepreneurial students who have sold marijuana edibles, possession of marijuana and alcohol for the purpose of sales at Britton Middle School, Live Oak, Sobrato and Central High Schools. Our Student Resource Officer, Jeff Brandon, is working diligently with school staff and is very well supported to take appropriate action. Additionally, at Live Oak we charged a mother with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for helping him to sell vapor pens at school. He concluded by sharing that the case regarding the Paradise Valley School teacher is continuing through the criminal justice system.

2) School District Updates

a) Facilities/Enrollment Update

Kirsten Perez shared that overall as a district, enrollment looks flat as compared to last year. Elementary sites and all of the academies have seen significant growth. The District added portables at Paradise Valley and Jackson Academy of Math and Music (JAMM). The Board approved lowering class size for second grade, which will take place next year and the District will be looking at the possibility of also lowering class size in third grade. Lowering class size in one grade level would cause a need for five additional classrooms. The District has also hired school site facility consultants to help identify future school sites within the District. She continued that the Board approved a contract to update the demographics report. This process will gather all of the District enrollment data which will be presented to the Board to evaluate.

The District is also moving forward with multi-purpose rooms for JAMM, Paradise and Nordstrom Elementary schools and working on the design and planning of the Britton Middle School construction project. All of the projects, except for the Multipurpose Room project at the Charter School / Encinal site, are coming in under budget which will allow for other needed improvements to be made.

Anessa Espinosa shared that Adult Education will move to the former Central High School location (Monterey Site). They will start the next semester at this location.

City Manager Rymer shared that the Sierra La Mar group will most likely be utilizing space at the Community and Cultural Center on Saturdays.

b) Corp Yard Lease Agreement

Kirsten Perez spoke regarding the Corp Yard lease agreement and some of the options that the school district has been exploring. The current lease expires at the end of June 2016. City Manager Rymer shared that the City has recommitted to working with the District.

c) Charter School Petitions Update

Superintendent Betando spoke regarding the charter school petitions. He shared that the charter petitioners presented their appeal to the County Board of Education last month. The District had a great amount of support from the community attending the meeting to speak in support of the District's decision. On November 19th the County Board will decide on the two charter schools, Voices Bound Language Academy and Morgan Hill Prep. The District has concerns with the segregation that charter schools can cause.

3) Joint City Council/School Board Meeting

City Manager Rymer shared that we will plan to have the next meeting after the elections and all of the new elected officials are seated.

2. Approve Minutes of the City/School Liaison meeting of August 22, 2014

Motion: S Thomas / Second: G Siebert / Ayes: Unanimous

3. Topics for next meeting

City Manager Rymer – tour of school sites at the February 27, 2015 City/School meeting.

Council Member Siebert – demographics report would be a good topic for the joint City/School board meeting

ADJOURNMENT – *the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.*

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

Friday, February 27, 2015 (MHUSD)

Friday, April 24, 2015 (City)

Friday, June 26, 2015 (MHUSD)