



**City of
Santa Clara**
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**MINUTES OF THE CITY-SCHOOL
LIAISON COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at
11:45 a.m.

Members Present:

City of Santa Clara Council (CSC) Committee Members: Mayor
Lisa M. Gillmor
Vice Mayor Raj Chahal
Councilmember Kathy Watanabe
Chief of Police Pat Nikolai

CSC Staff

City Manager Deanna J. Santana
Assistant City Manager Cynthia Bojorquez
Director of Parks and Recreation Jim Teixeira
Director of Community Development Andrew Crabtree
Assistant to the City Manager Robyn Sahid Executive
Assistant Julie Minot

Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) Present:

Board President Jodi Muirhead
Trustee Albert Gonzalez
Trustee Andrew Ratermann

SCUSD Staff

Superintendent Stella Kemp
Chief Business Official Mark Schiel
Director of Facility Development and Planning Michal Healy
Director of Bond Projects Larry Adams
Public Information Officer Jennifer Dericco

Roll Call and Call to Order

The meeting to order at 11:47 a.m. Assistant to the City Manager Robyn Sahid read out information before the meeting was started. She did the roll call; all Committee members were present.

Public Presentations

There were no public presentations at this time.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2021

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kathy Watanabe, seconded by SCUSD Board member, Andy Ratermann, and unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of the June 23, 2021 City-School Liaison Committee meeting.

Item 2. Update on Opening of School Year, Updated School Timings, and COVID Safety Plan

Superintendent Stella Kemp provided updates on the opening of schools. We are seeing a decline in enrollment as all districts in the state have been. There are constant changes to the COVID Safety Plan due to the changes in the state. The legislations introduced and approved AB 130 which has been difficult as some of the requirements go against Ed Code so they are working with legislators to make changes. The Dashboard is being changed daily for the most up-to-date information and updates to the COVID Safety Plan are discussed at the Board meetings. Also, with the changes in testing by the state the district is looking at bringing in a company to do the testing in our schools and district office as you cannot go down to the local business for testing. We have vaccination center set up which will be opening up soon. The Independent Study program has over 300 students enrolled out of 13,000 students. Dr. Kemp reported there were no kinks in the opening of Agnew and Huerta schools. The district did not open with full enrollment which helped to make it a smooth opening. There was a little bit of a problem on the pavement in front of SCUSD schools. The school district would like to work with the city as there were challenges with the road work on the first day of school. Dr. Kemp would like to work with the city to keep in contact with notifications regarding the timing of doing this work. Dr. Kemp will have the District PIO work with the Mayor's Office on the various vaccination clinic sites for the dates and times of vaccinations for the community.

Item 3. Discussion on Crossing Guards

Chief Nikolai discussed that due to the budget the D.A.R.E. program will not be available this year. The Crossing Guard program is still going on. He mentioned that when the district is making their contribution to help to consider the Student Crossing Guard program. The Crossing Guard program is not in jeopardy. The discussion earlier was the school safety program for the students. There are crossing guards at all major roadways. The student Crossing Guard Program is an individual school decision. CBO Schiel reported that the agreement with the City is for the D.A.R.E. program but not for the cost of the student Crossing Guard Program. Chief Nikolai mentioned that in the future if there was no D.A.R.E. program that maybe the district would consider something with the student Crossing Guard Program.

Item 4. Discussion on Potential Marketing Collaboration between City Communications and District Adult Ed Programs

This item came from SCUSD Board member Ratermann. The city and the school district both have a program to maybe cross market both organizations and work together. He suggested putting a committee together of both groups. The City Librarian runs the city adult program and she is willing to work with the school district on this. She suggested also including Park and Recreation on this also. It was brought up that the community is not always aware with what the city and what the school district provides. It was recommended that putting this committee together to do a cross marketing of events would be a good idea.

Item 5. General Updates from Attendees

- a. City of Santa Clara – Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and Police Department**

Director Crabtree provided planning and development updates. The City has gone live with the tracking permit process. There were two new permits taking out for a new data center and also a remodel of a data center. He updated everyone on the Downtown Precise Plan, the El Camino Real Specific Plan and the Patrick Henry Specific Plan. They are looking at the Graystone Plan and updated the committee on the Climate Plan.

Director Teixeira gave an update that they are continuing to work with CBO Mark Schiel and Director Michal Healy on various items including the YAC Agreement. The city is continuing to have community input on playgrounds. The next one will be with Westwood. He reported on the community event which was well attended with lots of information for the community. It was an opportunity for the various city departments to inform the community on the events happening and also get feed back from the community. The Fall Recreation Program is up and running along with the after-school programs at the YAC and they are following all mask and COVID protocols. The Senior Center is open and running well. The Seniors are very excited

Chief Nikolai reported that the Crossing Guard Program is up and running. He reported the cuts that were done to the department due to the budget cuts.

b. Santa Clara Unified School District – Facilities and Capital Development Update

Director Healy reported on the Master Planning Update. It will be moving into Sunnyvale. They have been discussion on the Laurelwood Campus and getting community update. She reported that they are also going to be doing masterplans for Briarwood, Bracher, and Westwood modernizations. They will be doing outreach with each of those schools. The Peterson fields, and the farm. Each of the school projects has their own website for the projects and emails for the community. Next summer Montague will be getting new playgrounds.

Director Adams reported that they are in the final phases of street improvements on Zanker Road. They are working on the MacDonald High School. They will be continuing to work on Measure BB projects. Director Adams reported on exceeded a billion dollars to manage all the projects.

President Muirhead reported on the district redistricting maps for Trustee Areas.

Item 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM with a motion by SCUSD Board Member Ratermann, seconded Councilmember Watanabe. The motion was unanimously approved.