

Milpitas Unified School District/City of Milpitas  
Communication Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING  
August 25, 2010, 4:30 p.m.  
1331 East Calaveras Boulevard  
Milpitas, CA 95035

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Attending for MUSD were Supt. Karl Black, and School Board President Marsha Grilli.

Attending for the City of Milpitas were Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, Council member Althea Polanski, Police Chief Dennis Graham, City Planning and Neighborhood Services Director James Lindsay, City Engineer Greg Armendariz, and Recreation Supervisor Jaime Chew.

### **Update on MUSD Construction Projects**

The District is building a new multi-use room at Zanker Elementary School financed by developer fees. Two years ago, Zanker had 450 students. Mid town housing projects are definitely affecting that school, which now has 668 students. Ribbon cutting ceremony for Zanker's multi-use school is expected to be around October or November, 2010

The District is hoping to get plans together for San Jose Evergreen College satellite campus to be built on Milpitas High School campus in the very near future. Staff held talks with new Chancellor of San Jose Evergreen Dr. Rita Cepeda who is 100% behind this project. Milpitas high school seniors will be able to earn college credit courses while in high school and Milpitas residents do not have to travel far to earn college credit courses towards an AA degree. This project will not cost the District any money to construct.

Work on replacing the football light poles at Milpitas High School is underway with completion time estimated to be in late October or early November, providing everything goes with the plan.

### **Opening of Schools**

Schools will open on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The District is expecting well over 9,800 students -- an increase of about 60-100 students this year. The District has two new principals at Pomeroy and Rose Elementary schools (Troy Knechtel at Pomeroy and Nanci Pass at Rose) and is expected to be fully staffed on opening of school. Police Chief Dennis Graham said they are ready -- signs have been prepared, plans made, and Police Officers will be out there, mostly on Escuela Parkway and nearby parks, but will also be monitoring what is going on at other schools and shift some officers to other school sites, if needed.

## **New Security Firm at Milpitas High School**

Milpitas High School has a new security firm this year for one year. Code 3 Security, will replace long time security firm Parks Patrol, MHS's security firm for the past 15 years. Dr. Black explained that a competitive bidding process was held, and in spite of the many years of using Parks Patrol, Code 3 Security was chosen because they have the best price. The high school selection committee recommended Parks Patrol in spite of their higher prices because they have history with MHS and they had done a good job. There is a little bit of upset at the high school because of this fact, but administration and staff are hoping that everything goes well with this new security firm.

## **Aquatic Center**

Dr. Black stated that at the last two meetings, there was discussion about the need to close the MHS pool because repairs are simply too expensive to undertake on the aging pool. In addition, there are not a lot of contractors willing to take on this project. Since then staff of the City and MUSD have been meeting to discuss various possibilities.

Dr. Black brought a proposal to the group for an aquatic center. He said he had shown it to City Manager Williams and Recreation Director Greiner and both liked the concept for joint use by the City and MUSD. He shared an architect's rendition for such a center and shared the cost estimate made as of August 24, 2010. It is a competitive venue of 30M x 25 YD with warm up pool. The building would be facing Arizona Avenue. A copy of the architect's rendition and cost estimate are attached to these minutes for ready reference.

Dr. Black explained his vision and entertained questions and comments. Recreation Supervisor Jaime Chew thought the pool dimensions are too small for competition but generally liked the layout of the building. It was pointed out that parking on Arizona might not be enough but Dr. Black said that after school hours, parking is plentiful in the student parking area. The presentation generated interest among those from the City. Vice Mayor McHugh thought the idea is intriguing. Total hard cost for the facility described is about \$4 million. With contingency costs, contractor's overhead, contractor profit and bonds and insurance, the project is estimated to cost about \$5.5 million.

Ms. Polanski said they are in agreement with the vision presented by Dr. Black, and it would be her recommendation to bring this to City Council (and the School Board) to see if they are also in agreement, and to see how a project such as this could be funded.

## **Announcements**

None

## **Dates of Future Meetings**

October 6, 2010 – 4:30 pm City Hall

January 5, 2011 – 4:30 pm MUSD

March 2, 2011 – 4:30 pm City Hall

May 5, 2011 – 4:30 pm MUSD

## **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.