

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2014

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order by Ted Brengel (7:00 p.m.)**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (September, 2014) – approved by acclamation**
- IV. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD) – not present**
 - a) SDPD Northwestern Division – Officer Tracey Williams, Community Relations Officer, reporting for Northeastern also. New burglary series. Knocks on door, if no one home breaks in. Report if anything suspicious is observed. Halloween coming up. Be careful driving. Put something shiny or lighted on kids. Accidents happen because drivers do not see kids. Q: bank robberies. A: Still comparing notes with the FBI. Have bank robbers in custody. Two bank robbers. Q: Home burglary last Thursday. A: Have not caught that burglar yet. Have some good leads.
- V. Presentation – Schools Night: Presentation by Mira Mesa schools**

Ted notes tasty refreshments provided by Jennifer Kvalvik's students.

Scott Giusti, principal Mira Mesa High School – Disaster drill October 16. Thanks MMTC for help with Homecoming last year. Memorable event. Again this year MMTC supports event. MMHS band will be in 2016 Rose Parade! Some issues with paperwork – needs to go to School Board. Have a new marquee. Gym, wrestling room, dance room are being refurbished. Air conditioning going into bungalows. Stadium redesign is underway. Enrollment down by 150 students. Do not know why. Puzzled. At the 9th grade level. Losing 3 teachers. Foundation will fund a teacher for a year. First rate teachers hired this year.

Diane Ryan - Challenger Middle School. Exterior was painted over summer. New sign out front. 20 new trees planted. 24 new computers for library. Enrollment ~1000 kids, as expected. 7 staff members retired out of 40-45 total. 7 new people this year. No air conditioning installed or planned. Focus is helping kids transition from elementary school to high school. 6th grades are in "wheel" moving types of classes periodically. Have after school sports. Kendama program.

Matt Fallon - Wangenheim Middle School. "Wangenheim is not the Wangenheim of your parents." Excellent academic program. Reduced by one teacher. Received \$40,000 for fitness room, now part of PE program. Joint use field has been releveled, reseeded and is gorgeous. Additional discussion about expanding turf area. 6 retirements last year; hired some phenomenal new staff. Middle schools work very well together. Participants in annual science fair.

Geoff Martin – Sandburg Elementary. Giving students what they need for middle school. Back to school barbecue, well attended. Provided information about school, PTA, foundation. Community is an important part of education. Band. Focus on developing mindset of working hard. Solve math problems in different ways.

Barbara Israel – Ericson Elementary. What makes Ericson unique? Very stable enrollment. About 750 children. Very diverse population. 9 staff members retired, have 7 exceptional new

teachers. 6 early childhood special education classes. Preschool speech and language program for the cluster. Seminar. Academic chess. Mad Science. VP was promoted to principal and another school. Getting new one. Behavior program – emphasize positive behavior. Have been having 10-20 suspensions per year. Last year only two. Attribute to strong parent involvement. Keeping kids' minds busy.

Rochelle Dawes – Walker. 525 students. 85% economically disadvantaged. Lost one ESL teacher. New DAR just opened, making Hillery busier. Partnership with Christ Community Church. Provide tutoring and fresh fruit and vegetables. Trying to establish satellite clinic. Operation Samahan. 2000 sq ft facility on Activity Rd. Many families do not have health or dental coverage. Hard to concentrate if hungry or have medical needs. Once per month take 6 students out to lunch. Diverse enrollment.

Dawn Powell – Mason. New principal. Grew up in Mira Mesa. Moved here in 1976. Nice to be home. All classes got air conditioning just before school started. Enrollment down ~50 students. ~850 students. Some lost were military. After school programs every day. Tutoring available after school.

Deidre Hardson - Salk. Grew up in Mira Mesa and stayed here. Love Mira Mesa. Great community. Diversity. Trying to ensure smooth transition. Solar panels are in over parking lot. School is going up fast. Should be finished January 1. ~400 initial enrollment. Pre-k through 5th grade. Prime time. Will have barbecue.

Lark Mayeski – Christ the Cornerstone. In existence since 1978. Faith, family and academic excellence. Christian values. Very qualified school staff. Affordable tuition. 12-15 students per class. Music, art, theater. Learned all of the elements of art and worked with artists. Computer classes. Wonderful music teacher.

Brett Bell, Gerald Ramsey – Miramar College. Opened student resource and welcome center. Student health center. EMT training center. New administration building. DAR has opened. Will connect to Miramar College transit station, which will open October 12. Summer 2015 will open new science building. 6 laboratories. Collaborative and meeting spaces. 8 new faculty. 7,900 FTE students this year. Budget is better this year, but only a little bit. Equity program. SB850 has been signed into law which allows pilot program to have 4 year program. Mesa College is doing it in electronic medical records. After 5 year pilot is complete, may expand to other colleges. Cannot compete with state college programs. Miramar is looking at business/automotive technology degree. Close relationship with some auto companies.



Mira Mesa School Principals at the October 2014 MMTTC meeting. Schools from left to right: Ericson, Christ the Cornerstone, Salk, Mira Mesa High School, Mason, Wangenheim, Challenger, Sandburg, Walker.

VI. Government and Community Resources

a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. Good to be back. Defends City against lawsuits. Lawsuits come from many sources. Advise City departments on legal issues. Criminal division prosecutes misdemeanors. Public urination, esp. near beach. Drinking on beach. 619 531 2000 is PD number for reporting offenders. Call 911 if crime actively in progress. Ted and Bari have Julio's email for questions.

b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager. Happy that MMTTC is meeting at the library now. Sorry about air conditioning not working. Fix is in the works. Lot of exciting things at library. One book, one San Diego program. Every year one book is selected and everyone in City is encouraged to read it. This year "Monstress" by Lysley Tenorio. Mr. Tenorio was brought up in Mira Mesa and says in book that he grew up going to the Mira Mesa library. He will be at this branch on November 16th. RSVP event since meeting room has limited capacity. Highlights Filipino culture. Film screening of film "Documents". Undocumented immigrant from Philippines. Want to see people from Mira Mesa at these programs.

c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman – 14th at Lopez Ridge next meeting. Halloween Carnival at rec center on the 28th. Met will new parks director about a number of issues including shade structures at Westview Park, redevelopment of Community Park, slowing down traffic on New Salem. Community meeting about joint use of Salk fields. Go up to Canyon Hills – beautiful in weather like today. Several parking spaces at base of hill. South side of Mercy Road just west of I-15. School Board approved boundaries for schools including Salk. As of next year, all schools will be on traditional schedule.

VII. Update: Miss Mira Mesa 2012, Monica Fung – Maria Pankau and Monica Fung

Ted introduced current Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa. Maria said that former Miss Mira Mesa Monica Fung was selected 2014 Miss Asia in a pageant in Las Vegas.

VIII. Presentation: “What I Wish My Parents Knew” - Karin De Jauregui

Mason, Wangenheim and Mira Mesa parent. Attend church in RB, and heard about this program. Collaboration with community, PD and parents. Have put on 3 or 4 forums. Originally thought drugs and alcohol were the problem, but students say it is more academic stress, which sometimes lead to drug and alcohol problems. Jennifer K went to academic pressure also. Kids want to hear “I am proud of you” rather than sympathy. Also forum on suicide. Would like MMTC to help publicize, put this on. Showed at cluster last week. WhatIWishMyParentsKnew.com has more info.

IX. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

None present.

X. MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a) Treasurer’s Report – deferred.
- b) Membership – please renew your membership if you have not done so already. Got lots of new members at Mira Mesa Street Fair last month.

Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

Chris Cate – Today is first day to vote. Can go to registrar’s office. Everyone getting “lovely” mailers. Can stop all of that if you vote early. Any questions call 619-839-9835. May get letters from unassociated groups.

Tom Derr – MMMAD. Have not heard from the City about wording of vote to expand maintenance areas.

Charlene Ellsworth – Mira Mesa Women’s Club – 40 years this year. Inviting women involved with Jr. Womens and Womens Clubs to celebrate.

Kristyn Pittenger – MM Resident over 25 years. Daughter goes to Christ the Cornerstone. Concerned about MM Blvd and Westmore. Have been several accidents. Lots of people in Mira Mesa on foot. Lots of red light violations. What can we do to get traffic calming measure? Maybe a yellow flashing signal light. Ted – Mira Mesa Community Planning Group provides the input on this type of issue. They will get a traffic engineer to investigate problem. May be ways to make intersection safer.

Susan Sragovicz – Mira Mesa Womens Club. Raising money for Heifer International. Will do fundraising Bunco event in PB.

Sabrina Bazzo – Daughter is cheerleader at high school. Spaghetti dinner on November 8th. Have tickets. At MMHS. 4-8 PM. Food is donated by Felipe’s.

Alex Nguyen – Monster Manor opens this weekend. Can buy tickets online at MonsterManor.org. Also have Lite Frite for younger kids, less scary. Kids can volunteer as actors and helpers.

Cameron Tran – Here last month. Need \$1800 for Eagle Scout project. Received donations from Recreation Council. MMTC Board will consider next week.

Maria Pankau – Saturday, November 1 is band tournament at High School. Streets will be closed.
Misses will be at Lite Frite.

XI. Adjournment (9 p.m.)