

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

October 1, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order by President Ted Brengel**
- 2) Flag Ceremony by Mira Mesa Girl Scout Troop 3434**
- 3) Approval by MMTTC Members of September MMTTC Minutes – approved**
- 4) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD) – Christina Santos**
 - a) Stolen vehicles: 11 (Miramar), 13 (Mira Mesa). 6/5 recovered.
 - b) Car break-ins: 7 (Miramar) 15 (Mira Mesa)
 - c) Commercial burglary: 1 (Miramar) 3 (Mira Mesa)
 - d) Residential burglaries: 2 - One drug induced error, second was son of homeowner under restraining order.
- 5) President's Report – Ted Brengel.**
 - a) Lots of speeding complaints. Please don't speed.
- 6) Main Program: Mira Mesa Schools Night – Principals Speak for 3-4 minutes each**
 - a) Hickman Elementary – Tobie Pace, principal. 4 ½ years principal, thrilled to be part of Mira Mesa community. Leader in Me school. Based on 7 habits of effective people. Green apple school. Home Depot donated \$50k of equipment. Built school garden. Farm to table into cafeteria. Greet new families as they move in.
 - b) Sandburg Elementary – Erika Simmons, principal [new!]. Was in Chula Vista for 6 years, former high school teacher, 532 students, all classrooms at full capacity. Working with Ericson.
 - c) Jonas Salk Elementary – Lisa Sousa, teacher, on behalf of principal Deidre Hardson. "Where dreams begin." Empower students to be responsible for their education. Character education. Nurturing environment. Critical thinking. Garden, hydroponic. Jogathon. Talent show. LOGO Learning on the go site. Tablet given to all students to use at home and in class. You may hear the roar of our Salk Lions.
 - d) Mason Elementary – Jesse Harrison, principal [new!]. Seattle native. Taught in central valley, then San Diego, then Seattle. Mira Mesa is a lovely community. Great kids and parents. Literacy. Garden, planter box, farm to table, nutrition expert. Painted this year.
 - e) Ericson Elementary – Darius Ashton, principal. Accompanied by two girl scout students. Augmented reality. Into Tech at Ericson. Was VP at Wangenheim; 2nd year at Ericson. Enrollment increased this year to 720. Estimate was 670. Fall festival on 26th.
 - f) Hage Elementary – James Lee, principal. Grew up in this community. Went to Ericson, Wangenheim and MMHS. Teach Golden rule. 700 students. Some turnover. Rents are high at Casa Mira View. People move in with introductory rate, then move out when rent goes up. Want digital marquee. Want new playground equipment, shade structures. Spirit week. Fall festival. Great haunted house.
 - g) Walker Elementary – Justin Phillips, principal. 3rd time here, 3rd year at Walker. 1st day of school, teachers came back, had barbeque. Pre-K to 5 school. 100 preschool kids. Culture night – Filipino music and dance, Vietnamese food. Mira Mesa is best place to raise kids and prepare for global society. 50% students are ESL. One of 14 schools of excellence in positive school culture and climate.
 - h) Wangenheim Middle School – Dr. Matt Fallon, principal. 8th year at Wangenheim. Previously at MMHS for a decade. Loves community. Climate and culture has changed. Enrollment has climbed. Last year had an influx of 8th graders. Kids are returning to neighborhood. Electronic marquee on Black Mountain Road. New roofs on 80% of buildings. \$5 million renovation. Replacing AC units. Field between Walker, Wangenheim, joint use with community. Lots of quality programs, wood shop, metal shop. Welcome community. Can take tour. Math night. Family science night.
 - i) Challenger Middle School – Kathryn ("Kate") Dominique, principal. Starting second year. Bowling trophy last year. Above anticipated enrollment. Getting network upgrade. AC upgrade in 2019. Technology, telephone upgrades coming. High performing school. Can spend more time to support lower performing students. Fastbridge pilot program. Proactive when it comes to student conflict and mediation. Peer pressure is very powerful. Children and kind and loving.

- j) Mira Mesa High School – Jeff Sabins, principal. Grew up in community. Now 4 years at MMHS. New stadium finally almost finished. Lots of upgrades. \$33 million project. New music building. Can handle 265 students. Have 250 in band practicing in room for 60. Will be performing at Carnegie Hall this year. 47% of graduating class had 3.5 GPA or better. Good preparation at elementary and middle schools. College level classes at high school. Took away component of community services, but many still participate. 567 in graduating class last year. Always looking at data to see how kids are doing. Most difficult skill is listening. Effect of texting as communication. Late start program. Skip first period and take online course. Homecoming this weekend. Getting rid of many bungalows. 7 were built during WW2. Could do best value instead of lowest price. Laser show after Homecoming game.
- k) Innovations Academy (Charter School, grades K – 8, near MM) – Christine Kuglen, director. Not present. Currently located in Scripps Ranch, probably moving to Kearny Mesa.
- l) Christ the Cornerstone Academy (Grades K – 5) – Christina Defensor, principal [new!]. First year as principal; teacher there for 18 years. Lots of transition last couple of years. Celebrating 40th year. Redesigned cheetah mascot. Kids helped design and voted on Mascot. Spanish club, gardening club, sign language club. Performing in afternoon at Street Fair. Students singing songs and performing instruments they have been leaning. Harvest festival. Kindness rocks to address bullying issues. Proud of academics. Many students went on to Challenger and are doing very well there.
- m) Good Shepherd Catholic School – Ladonna Lambert, principal. Duane Domingo representing. Member of PTG. Two kids in school, 4th and 6th grade. Living in Mira Mesa for 25 years. Provide quality education. 294 students. Preschool through 8th grade. 20-30 students/class. 100% at capacity. Full music and art programs. Football, soccer, basketball. Compete against other catholic schools. Octoberfest October 12-14.
- n) Bob Turner, Cluster Council. Four kids through Mira Mesa Schools. Lots of energy in our principals. John Lee Evans comes to many meetings. He takes lots of abuse in order to support our schools. Lamont Jackson is a great superintendent; attends all meetings. Cindy Marten is always using Mira Mesa as jewel for district. Need to market this. Looking for \$80 to continue website. Motion Bob/Joe. Passed 18-0.

Principals, please plan to step forward for a group photo at conclusion of all your remarks!

7) Government and Community Resources [8:15 pm]

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman. 12 Marijuana Processing Facilities approved in the Miramar and Sorrento Mesa Business Areas. Doing community plan update. First time since 1992. Public workshop at recreation center on October 11. Plan update committee meets an hour before each regular meeting.
- b) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Vice-Chairman. Election in November, December. November 11 Veterans Day celebration.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports [8:20pm]

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. October 16 at Senior Center NFC meeting to make budget list.
- b) State Senator Toni Atkins – Ryan Trabuco. Governor SB970 signed allows hotels and motels to train staff to identify human trafficking. Will be at Mira Mesa Street Fair on Saturday. Will come back with answer about why motorcycles are allowed to split lanes. Q: AB1810. Assembly bill, not Senate. Will come back with explanation.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Start of fiscal year for federal budget. FY19 short term funding passed. Increased funding for military salaries, Alzheimer's research, CDBG block grants. Funding runs out December 7. Scott visited MMHS in September. Will be at Street Fair this Saturday.

9) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda, sign up to speak at membership table)

- a) Jenn Kuyper – William Male Foundation. Two recent graduates received award. Residents are encouraged to spread the word about the scholarship, details to apply on the [website](#), only limited to being age 18 and a resident of San Diego county to apply.
- b) Rita – Laws should be protecting innocent. Elect people who will work together for the well-being of the country. Justice and Mercy.
- c) Joe – Nov 3 band tournament.

10) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Parliamentarian – Charlene Ellsworth – MMTC Board Election at Nov. 5 meeting, MMTC members who would like to be on Nominating Committee or run for office, contact Charlene! (parliament@miramesatowncouncil.org)
- b) Newsletter Editor – Chris Thibodeaux. Newsletter published and on website. Lots of new businesses coming to Mira Mesa. Articles by Chris Cate and Tommy Hough on their campaigns.
- c) Treasurer – Jonathan Lea. Full report next month after Street Fair.
- d) Vice presidents for Membership (Jenn Kuyper) and Programs (Pam Stevens) – MMTC members needed to help at MMTC booth at Street Fair! Email programs@miramesatowncouncil.org. MMTC has big top information tent. Debbie Vincent, Maria Pankau will assist.
- e) Street Fair – Jeff Stevens -- STREET FAIR IS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6! SEE YOU THERE!!!

11) Adjournment 8:55 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 5, 2018