

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

October 3, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz, Flag Ceremony – Scout Troop 1212

2) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD if present)

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos. Had a great time at Mira Mesa Street Fair. Fundraising for Special Olympics. Doing Coffee with a Cop in Scripps Ranch. Lots of pedestrian accidents. NE substation is closed.
- b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo. Not present.

3) Main Program: Mira Mesa Schools Night – Mira Mesa K-12 principals

Darius Ashton, Ericson Elementary School. Nina Wong associate principal. Mira Mesa resident since the 90's. Went through all Mira Mesa Schools. 680 students. 89 multilingual. Early childhood. UTK classes. 33 certificated staff members. Leaders of Tomorrow. Social emotional learning. Leader in me. Kids take it home to parents. Friends of Ericson foundation. Fall festival October 14. Joint Use fields. Art room. Alumni are donating to Art room. Sensory room.

Lindsay Burningham, Sandburg Elementary School. 3rd year at Sandburg. 556 students. Overflow site for UTK. 96 4-year olds. Quality education for pre-school students. For many students this is their first time in a classroom. Leader in me is at all schools. 4th and 5th graders go to lunch with kindergartners and pre-K. Student leadership team is running assemblies. 60 staff members. Associate principal shared with Hage. Over 70 English language learners. Title 1 school. Counselor on campus 3 days per week. Focusing on building community. Culturally responsive teaching. Amazing parent community. Back to school BBQ. Foundation works to beautify campus.

Deidre Hardson, Jonas Salk Elementary School. Lived in Mira Mesa since 1975. Graduated from Mira Mesa High School. Have two children who attended Mira Mesa schools. Great community. Respectful parents. Make education a great experience. Teaching kids 7 habits of highly effective people. Just got a full time associate principal. 29 staff members. Opened in 2015. Year 6, excluding Covid. 675 students. Waiting on kids from 3Roots. 3 Treasures, LOTS after school. Teach science every day. Departmentalize math and science. Kids belong to a team. STEAM school. Talent Show is a must-see! Only 2 story school in Mira Mesa. 2 story is a headache, but it is a beautiful campus. Waiting for joint use space. Starting next week. Will have park and grass. Students lead all assemblies.

Jesse Harrison, Mason Elementary School. 5th year at Mason. Great experience. Schools all work together. 508 students. 3 classrooms per grade. 21 classrooms. 180 multilingual learners. Title 1 school. Student council runs assemblies. Justice practices. Putting out cameras for single point of entry. Enjoy serving our military population, our multilingual population. Everyone works together well.

James Lee, Hage Elementary School. Grew up in Mira Mesa. MMHS class of '98. Make sure students feel welcome, at home. Title 1 school. 4th and 5th grade music. Purple star school supporting military families. Counselor 3 days per week. Amazing swim program. Walk to Miramar College to swim. 20 year program. Dance fitness. Inclusion program for PE department. Leader in me. Push thought through communication and writing.

Don Craig, Interim Principal, Hickman Elementary School. Retired for several years. Tobie Pace was promoted to Ed Center. Been there for a couple of weeks. People look a little shell-shocked coming in after Covid. Hickman is smallest with 482 students. Kept all staff this year. 55 English language learning. Lots of Social Emotional Learning. Leader in Me. Lighthouse school. Art program. Music program. Will be in Mira Mesa for another month before new principal is in place.

Regina Serbin, Walker Elementary School. 490 students. Focus on agency and attendance. Want kids to be in charge of their own learning. 64 staff members. 80 classrooms. 73 homeless students. Jammy Friday for first graders. Coffee with a principal next week.

Matthew Fallon, Wangenheim Middle School. 12th year. Previously at MMHS. Love working with the community. Over 700 students. Susan Kent is associate principal. Third full time counselor. Social emotional regression due to Covid was big problem. Opening smooth this year. Middle school sports –

soccer, basketball. Trying to build a competitive middle school program. Title 1 school. Expanding library. Getting kids into it. Wood shop, metal shop. Culinary hospitality program.

Erik Sullivan, Challenger Middle School. 3 years. Before VP and MMHS. 845 students. Start at 8:15 AM. Kids are getting to school on time. Back to School night two weeks ago. Partnership with La Jolla Playhouse. They will provide Coach and support performances. Doing Annie. Boys to men program. Camping, Hiking. ASB. Journey is 6th grader doing great job. Broadcast in multiple languages. California Distinguished School in four years. Lots of kids in Orchestra. Middle school sports – basketball for girls and boys, track and field.

Jeffrey Sabins, Mira Mesa High School. Grew up in Mira Mesa. Reflection of everything happening at middle school and elementary school. Students are very resilient. Hoping for 60% proficient after pandemic; came in at 83%. Want students to have experience at MMHS that they would want their kids to have. Valedictorian graduated with 4.94 GPA. Trying to prepare kids for options. 78 students accepted to UC schools last year. In 1998 2.2 GPA got you in to SD State. Last year took over 4.0. Not every student has to go to college. Have career technical education program. Culinary program. Getting kids real life experience. Year 8 at MMHS. Performing arts center in Phase 3.

Ladonna Lambert, Good Shepherd Catholic School. Not present.

Tammy Peters, Director of Schools, Christ the Cornerstone Academy. Not present.

4) Sabrina Bazzo, San Diego Unified School Board District A Member

- a) Huge school district. Second largest in California. Will be representing Clairemont and Scripps Ranch. Kids went to MMHS schools. Sandburg PTA president. MMHS Foundation president. John Lee Evans asked her to run when he retired. Board meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Happy to come out to school events. Lamont Jackson now Superintendent. Mental health has been an issue due to Covid. Getting positive feedback. Trying to get students engaged and interested in teaching. High School students working with Hickman students. Enrollment is up, especially in Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa. Janice Case is Cluster president. Pam King represents family engagement program throughout district. Lives in Mira Mesa.

5) LoveActs Community Assistance Programs - Christ Community Church

- a) Volunteer. Put love into action. Church in MM for over 20 years. Provide over 6 tons of food every month. Distribution at Walker Elementary School. Working with Feeding San Diego. Partner with MM schools. Identify kids most in need at schools. Lots of refugee families. Homeless kids. 80% of volunteers come from community. Goal is to serve 200 families per month. nicole@gotochrist.com. Drive for blankets. Kids and adults can volunteer. Introduced Isaac Roberts.

6) President's Report & Approval of September Minutes by MMTTC membership – Bari Vaz

- a) Minutes approved as posted.
- b) Defer report. VOY dinner will be on October 22.
- c) MMTTC will do a table at Halloween Carnival October 21.

7) Government and Community Resources

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair. Proposed Community Plan Update is on the agenda as action item for 10/17 meeting. Lots of issues. 24,000 new units in commercial and industrial areas. School enrollment will double, but no schools added (one elementary school site was added for Stone Creek). Parks 3000 points below new City standard. Traffic congestion looks terrible. City changed rules so developer fees no longer stay in Community. City will likely approve Plan. Trying to get deficiencies addressed.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair. City has changed population-based park requirements to a point system where you can get points for almost anything. Even with that proposed Community Plan is well short of requirements. SD UT 2011 article on the 25 million renovation of the Community Park about to start. Actually started 2018. Next meeting second Tuesday of the Month. Do what is good for country not party.
- c) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President/ Not present.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) San Diego Community College District Board Member Bernie Rhinerson
- b) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 – Denise Torres

- i) Congratulations on Mira Mesa Street Fair. Water main break this morning on Gold Coast and Thanksgiving Lane. CIP priority memo. List of street resurfacing and street lights. City/County Meeting today to consider affordable housing. Final state of District speech tomorrow. San Ramon and Hebrides intersection met criteria for stop sign. ddtorres@sanidiego.gov.
- c) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Amanda Berry. Not present.
- d) State Senator Toni Atkins – Diana Lara. Not present.
- e) State Assemblyman Brian Maienschein – Rob Knudsen. Not present.
- f) Congressman Scott Peters – Priscilla Huang. Written statement provided.

9) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda)

- a) Tommy Hough – great being out in person at Mira Mesa Street Fair. New Community Plan – very wary of that. May reach City Council between election and new council. Take lanes off Mira Mesa Blvd. Not enough transit. Ballot proposition B to repeal people’s ordinance. Opposes. Politifest next weekend. University of San Diego. Tickets \$20. Election November 8.
- b) Hazel, librarian at MM Library. New AV equipment. Starting movies back in library. Family friendly movies. New homework center. 3D printer. Celebrating diverse cultures in community. Ina Gibson will be retiring November 1. Still accepting book donations.
- c) Maria – Band Tournament is November 5. Still not doing parade. 7 AM to 8 PM. 26 bands.

10) Other MMTTC Committee Reports

- a) Treasurer’s Report – Jonathan Lea (absent)
- b) Volunteer of the Year Dinner (October 22, Casa Machado at Montgomery Field) – Pam Stevens. Tickets are \$40 until October 10. \$45 after. Also raising scholarship funds.
- c) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. Our own banners are back up replacing Sesame St Banners.
- d) Membership – Yvonne Negron. Renew if you haven’t renewed.

11) Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022