

CITY / SCHOOL LIAISON

MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2023 8:30 AM
Morgan Hill City Hall
Grand Conference Room

Committee Members

Dr. Iván Rosales Montes – School Board
Adam Escoto – School Board
Mark Turner – Mayor
Yvonne Martínez Beltrán – Council Member

Staff Members

Christina Turner – City Manager
Dr. Carmen García - Superintendent
Jennifer Carmen – Development Services
Shane Palsgrove – Police Chief
Mario Ramirez – Police Captain
Chris Ghione – Public Services Director
Edit Ramirez – Assistant City Manager
Steve Sheldon – Community Service Officer
Mark Segovia – Diversion Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Doug Meirhead, Community Member, addressed the committee regarding an upcoming bike event, calling for volunteers and suggestions on how to actively promote the community Science Fair.

JOINT CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CITY OF MORGAN HILL

South County Youth Diversion Program

Steve Sheldon, Community Service Officer and Mark Segovia, Diversion Program Coordinator presented an update on the South County Youth Diversion Program.

Committee discussions included questions from a prior Board of Education meeting requesting the programs current (80 kids since 2021) and historical statistics; lessons learned including empathy, working with kids while getting to the root of the issues, outside agency resources for families, teaching empathy and forgiveness, reintegration after mistake, accountability, relationship building, respect for others and themselves and youth support specialist teaching lessons for life.

Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Segovia suggested areas for improvement, including more mentorship programs, more Restorative Justice practices in schools, diving deeper with outside agency support (Morgan Hill companies), more social activities for socio disadvantaged families and vaping/marijuana education and support for families. In addition, they provided program success examples, including a horse therapy program for youth, youth financial responsibility/accountability and, writing letters of apologies.

Board Trustee Escoto suggested to disaggregate information to make clear paths for the future, look at profiles of these kids so school can look into appropriate programs.

The committee also discussed the process for eligibility of the program, assessment and appropriate level of intervention based off level of concern, jurisdiction of the South County Youth Diversion Program, implementation of Diversion Program graduates as peer mentors, supports for families, capacity of program – more full-time youth support specialists, clarification of discretionary monies, intentional LCAP money support and more male role model support.

The Committee requested the following update and discussion in a future meeting:

- *What are the needs of the program*
- *Work with the faith community*
- *Caseload*
- *Expansion to the School District*
- *Sports/activities support*
- *Program funding*
- *Importance of attending RJ circles with school related issues*

Police Department Update

Chief Palsgrove reported statistics over the last few months, including positive policing interactions, citations, parent issues and retraining orders. Chief Palsgrove provided current trends on vaping, community policing presentations for tobacco use and announced the upcoming Parent Project. Other Police updates included the start of programs such as the Explorer Program for 14-21-year old's, Community Police Academy, first Spanish Police Academy in September 2023, updates on youth crimes and success stories.

Discussions included vaping health supports for youth, possible partnership with Public Health, organization collaboration, support with MHUSD/PD on vaping issues and Parent Project, Diversion Program lessons learned and analyze data from the TUPE Officer.

School Board Members will follow up with Legislators to ask for funds to support the above efforts.

MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Update

Dr. Carmen García, Superintendent presented a Morgan Hill Unified School District update.

[230427 City School Liaison Update](#)

Committee discussions included upcoming updates to Live Oak High School facilities, refinanced series of bond Measure, and transitioning P.A. Walsh to a Dual Immersion school.

OTHER REPORTS/UPDATES

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee requested the following future agenda topics:

- *South County Diversion Program follow-up*
- *Update on Vaping*
- *Areas of collaboration – Upcoming Pridefest*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM