

**MARTINEZ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT/CITY COUNCIL
SCHOOL LIAISON SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Martinez Unified School District – Board Room
921 Susana Street
Martinez, California 94553
November 13, 2015

Members Present:

Deidre Siguenza
Bobbi Horack

Administrative Staff Present:

Rami Muth, Superintendent
C.J. Cammack, Deputy Superintendent, Personnel
Services
Diane Deshler, Chief Business Official

City of Martinez Staff President:

Rob Schroder, Mayor
Lana DeLaney, Councilmember
Rob Braulik, City Manager
Michael Chandler, Senior Management Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 p.m. by Member Siguenza. Introductions were made. Also present were Coordinator of Grounds, Custodial, Maintenance Mike Pawlowski and Jorge Rico of HY Architects.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rami Muth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staci Deshasier - parent of 3 students in MUSD:

She had no comments at this point, but wanted to introduce herself as an audience member who is very involved in the Growing Gardens Preschool.

INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Change in Adult School Funding and Impact on Community-Based Programs

Superintendent Muth shared a presentation which explained the changes in funding for the District’s adult school and the reasons for the MAE co-op preschool closure in June, 2016. She asked the City of Martinez staff for their thoughts about the possibility of running a preschool through the recreation department as other surrounding cities do.

There was a discussion about the history of preschools in the City of Martinez and information about a few co-op programs and preschools in the area.

MUSD plans to discontinue the space at the current location at the end of the 2015-16 school year. The program could potentially continue if they are 100% self-supporting and can find an alternative location.

Mike Chandler mentioned a program in Martinez, *Lasting Impressions Preschool/Daycare Facility*, which is also going through some changes in June of 2016.

It was agreed that Kathy Farwell will contact the head teacher at *Lasting Impressions* and discuss some options for the program for 2016-17 which could include incorporating a co-op preschool model. He mentioned possibly offering a discount for parents who would work at the school.

Lara DeLaney also shared information about the Contra Costa County “*Kids at Work*” program on Glacier Drive in Martinez. It is open to the community – not just county employees.

Public comments:

Staci Deshasier:

She expressed her views about the importance of the current Growing Gardens Co-op and Tot Time programs which have been institutions in Martinez for 50 years. She also pointed out that these programs are **not** daycare programs. She wants the programs to stay alive as they are. She added many preschools in the area have long waiting lists and many families do not qualify for subsidized programs.

2. Potential Usage of Park Adjacent to John Muir Elementary (Rami Muth)

Superintendent Muth and Jorge Rico of HY Architects shared some diagrams which outlined an idea regarding the potential usage of the park adjacent to John Muir Elementary (which are just at the planning stages). Before proceeding any further, Superintendent Muth wanted the City’s initial input. The City personnel agreed the proposed playground would be a nice addition for the community and they expressed no reservation about going forward. It was agreed by all that at some point another parking/traffic analysis would be helpful when the plans become solidified in the future.

Member Siguenza suggested that in the future possibly MPE and JME staff members could be part of the discussion regarding shared use of fields, etc. for both sites.

3. Tennis Courts and Pickle Ball

City Councilmember Lara DeLaney spoke about an interest in finding dedicated facilities/courts for pickle ball. They are currently looking at Hidden Valley, but because of striping for this particular sport, she mentioned it would be nice to have courts available for just pickle ball. There was a brief discussion about conflicts with tennis, parking, noise, etc. if the courts near the MPE campus were used. The courts at AHS were also suggested but since they have been locked for last few years due to vandalism, a system would have to be put in place for an entry code or keys that would have to be available for the public who wish to reserve the courts.

4. California Youth Energy Services (CYES)

Mike Chandler thanked Superintendent Muth and the MUSD for allowing them to use the MAE campus for CYES last year. Because of renovation work being done on that campus, it didn’t work out this year. They have worked out an arrangement with the Boys and Girls Club instead.

Superintendent Muth and Mr. Chandler hope this great leadership/career workforce training program will be able to continue on the MAE campus again in the future. That particular campus worked well with the hours and custodial needs during the summer months.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney also suggested contacting the union halls in Martinez as an alternative plan.

5. Other Topics of Mutual Interest

The following topics were briefly discussed:

- Fee for Services and Joint Facilities Use Agreement: Mr. Chandler reminded everyone that this agreement was closed out and ended the 5-year agreement in 2014. Many groups benefited and Andi Stubbs provided a full account of facility usage, etc. before she left the District.
- Superintendent Muth shared information with the City staff members about the WW Funds the District was awarded which will help fund the LJE field project.
- Member Siguenza spoke about the new ice skating rink in downtown Martinez and offered the District's help in getting the word out. Flyers have already been approved for distribution to the MUSD families. Superintendent Muth mentioned the information can be put on the marquees and she can also do a "robo call" to inform families.
- Superintendent Muth also shared some of the exciting projects going on at the high school (new K building for labs, computer science and leadership, renovation of the D building and facelifts for the F and H buildings.)
- Member Horack shared information about AHS's "Arrive Live" program Thursday the 19th and Friday the 20th. She added the students requested the program which centers on the dangers of texting and driving.

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.