
**City of Davis/Davis Joint Unified School District
2x2 Meeting**



MINUTES
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
5:00 pm



1. Call to Order & Roll Call (5:00 p.m.)

Members Present: *Joe DiNunzio, Hiram Jackson (arr. 5:16pm), Josh Chapman, Donna Neville*

Members Absent: *Hiram Jackson*

Staff Present: *Mike Webb, Matt Best, Kelly Stachowicz*
Josh Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of the September 13, 2023 Minutes

Neville moved, with a second by DiNunzio, approval of the minutes. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Chapman, DiNunzio, Neville

Noes: None

Absent: Jackson

4. City/District Communications

City Manager Mike Webb: thanked District for partnership on projects like the bike pump track. Noted November 30 Holiday Tree Lighting downtown

Superintendent Matt Best: Shout out to several championship teams including tennis and water polo. Also mentioned the inaugural season of girls' flag football. Many holiday performances coming up.

5. Discussion Items

a. 526 B Street – Property Disposition Update

Matt Best: Completed surplus property process and Board approved the surplus recommendation. Required to offer to public entities and applying for waiver to waive sealed bid, since the property and potential projects may not be that simple. The waiver allows District to engage in dialogue with potential developers.

Joe DiNunzio: wants to maximize return to the District to relocate district offices and School for Independent Study. Hoping that highest and best use is housing, of appropriate density.

Donna Neville: How many public agencies need to receive right of first refusal? (Those within a geographic area, primarily City and University)

Best: Soonest timing would be spring but likely summer before entertaining offers. If it is a swap, then don't need to go through certain processes. Talking to property owners who meet needs in case anyone interested in a swap

b. Student Mental Health

Cara Messmore, Director of Student Support Services, oversees mental health services for the District. District is recipient of MHSSA funding (also known as K-12 Partnership) and has selected CommuniCare-Ole as school based mental health provider with mental health counselors and case managers. Over 170 students have been served by this grant over the past year. Clinicians available throughout the District.

There are many other aspects of mental health efforts for students. There are 27 school counselors in District (and fortunate to have them at the elementary level). District has a foster and homeless youth contact. Have mental health clinicians. Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) runs skill-based classes at secondary schools, with a focus on emotional regulation. District runs Parent Empowerment Program (PEP Talk) to talk with parents about different issues related to mental health of students.

Tier I (Accessible to all); Tier II (limited); Tier III (higher level of services)

Neville: excited to see onsite clinicians. How do students get to services? (Counselors make referrals but they can get information from many sources.) What will happen for funding in future years?

With DBT, participating in a school-based curriculum, where students learn skills (rather than disclosure) and each student has a 1x1 with clinician to work through progress.

How do parents and guardians know about activities and services? (Variety of methods and especially promote parent engagement activities)

DiNunzio: Are mental health challenges in students getting back to pre-pandemic, or is elevated level going to continue? (Not seeing pre-pandemic levels but not sure whether it's greater acceptance or continued turbulence)

Best: District staff has worked to value good mental health and availability of services.

Messmore: Social media can affect mental health, but it's a complex issue.

Questions about suicide prevention and making sure students are noticed and know they can get help if they need it. Counselors do conduct suicide risk screeners.

DiNunzio: important to note that community decided to fund counselors at the elementary sites and that has made a huge difference.

c. Facility/Capital Improvement Project Updates

- i. *DJUSD – Work continues on STEM building; hoping it will open in the fall. Aquatic center work would start in summer. Have determined placement for early childhood classrooms on elementary campuses. Starting conversations with the public about strategic fencing at Willett, North Davis and Davis Senior High School. Also finishing solar projects at several sites and planning for electric vehicle charging stations.*
- ii. *City – Projects related to roads wrapping up. City and District working on cooperative agreement for Anderson Rd/Chavez and bringing design work to Council and Board in December. Sycamore bike path will be underway soon. Mace Boulevard Phase I is effectively complete, with final striping happening this week. Phase II is to embark on the pilot signals to see if metering traffic onto corridor could help. Fourteenth and Villanova – City working with SACOG to phase the project to start between Oak and F, with construction expected to occur summer of 2024. Work between Villanova and Anderson would come later.*

d. Safe Routes to Schools/Crossing Guards Update

Webb: Mace Boulevard construction had temporary measures in place but everything is back to normal with two crossing guards at Mace/Cowell.

For Pioneer, looking at a request to make Hamel a one-way street. Will be sending out a community survey after the holidays before we take anything to the Bicycle Transportation and Street Safety Commission.

e. School Site Safety Update

Best: Strategic fencing is one initiative. Also working on safety protocols across all sites. Really trying to get to root of what problems they are trying to solve.

Best: Post-bomb threats, community continues to focus on civil discourse. Davis is not alone in this challenge. District learning to help with own investigations and to report things right away. Need to take incidents seriously and appreciate partnerships with City of Davis and other federal partners.

Webb: City hosted a meeting with Department of Justice. Part of next steps will be Hate Free Together.

Neville: Teachers and parents would like to have a better understanding of what went into the investigative work and how should they feel now?

No public comment

6. Announcements/Comments

None

7. Future Meetings – Chapman: January 17, 2024; March 20, 2024; May 15, 2024

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:12pm.