

# SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 17, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
School Board President and Board Members

**FROM:** Paul Casey, City Administrator  
David Cash, Superintendent

**SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL**

### BACKGROUND:

In 2000, the City Council and School Board began meeting in joint session for two purposes: to improve communication between the two agencies, and to expand collaborative programming and the sharing of facilities to better serve the community. Joint meetings are now held at least annually.

The most recent joint meeting was held on April 10, 2014, during which presentations were made about safety improvements in Eastside neighborhoods, the drought, the District's local control funding formula, the South Coast Gang Task Force and other collaborative activities and projects of mutual interest. The joint meeting on April 17th will be another opportunity for the City Council, School Board, and the community to receive status reports regarding on-going activities and projects relevant to both agencies.

Though not discussed below, two leases between the District and the City will be up for renewal in the next year: 1) the lease from the District to the City for Fire Station 5 at La Cumbre Junior High, and 2) the lease from the City to the District for the Eastside Library property underlying the Franklin School portable classrooms. Both agreements carry a lease of \$1 per year and will expire on April 30, 2016. It is anticipated that City and staff will begin to meet to discuss renewal in the coming months.

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### 6. Report on Joint City/School District Programs

*The following report was prepared by Rich Hanna, City Recreation Manager, and David Hetyonk, District Director of Facilities and Operations, with input from members on the Joint Use Committee. Authors are listed at the end of each report area.*

**A. City of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara Unified School District Joint Use Committee:** The Joint Use Committee has met twice since the start of Fiscal Year 2015, and attendance has been good. The Committee members for the year are:

Santa Barbara Unified School District:

Director of Facilities and Operations	David Hetynok
Santa Barbara Junior High Principal	Lito Garcia
Maintenance Supervisor	Steve Vizzolini
Grounds Staff	Paul Cavalier

City of Santa Barbara

Recreation Manager	Rich Hanna
Parks Manager	Santos Escobar
Recreation Supervisor/Sports	Jeff Smith
Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities	Terry Brown

**B. Field Scheduling and Monitoring:** Shared field use continues to be an important resource for the community. Beginning July 1, 2014 the field scheduling and reservation process was transitioned back to the District. This change provided the District an ability to directly interface with community users regarding maintenance issues and collect associated revenue from field reservations to be used to support operational costs and field maintenance. Through this transition, both agencies worked closely to successfully preserve the primary purpose of allowing community access to District sport fields in response to a shortfall of community field space.

City Sports section staff continues to coordinate with District staff for the use of the Santa Barbara High School gym for City adult sports leagues (basketball). Additionally, Santa Barbara High School schedules the use of the Ortega Park softball field for Junior Varsity Girls Softball practices and Cabrillo Park softball field for home games through the City.

*Jeff Smith, City Recreation Supervisor/Sports*

**C. Field Maintenance:** Following the transition of the field scheduling and reservation process, City Parks and Recreation staff no longer participates in the evaluation of District Junior High school fields. On a quarterly basis, District staff provides a status update to the Joint Use committee regarding any projects involving the Junior High and Elementary school fields where afterschool programming is conducted. Any field conditions identified by City afterschool program staff to be unsafe or require repair are reported directly to the District at the time of the observation and are promptly addressed.

*Steve Vizzolini, District Facilities Maintenance Supervisor*

**D. Afterschool Programs:** The Afterschool Opportunities for Kids (A-OK), and Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP) have been in operation for the current school year since July 16, 2014, and August 27, 2014, respectively. Elementary sports leagues and the Junior High Afterschool Program begin after a registration period, a few weeks into the school year.

#### After School Opportunities for Kids – A-OK

This year is the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the A-OK Program funded through the State Department of Education After School Education and Safety (ASES) grant. The program targets English Language Learners, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, and those with working parents. This year, there was an invitation to principals to refer students at risk of suspension to the program. There has been a concerted effort to align the A-OK Program not only to the Learning in Afterschool and Summer principles, but also to the 12 Quality Standards set forth by the state. The A-OK Program serves a total of 700 students, five days per week until 5:45 p.m., from the following schools: Adams, Adelante Charter, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding University Partnership, McKinley, and Santa Barbara Community Academy. La Cumbre Junior High serves another 200 students on a minimum of three days each week until 5:30 p.m.

Program highlights include:

- As required by the grant, the professional development trainings were based on the needs of staff and achieved clearly defined and measurable goals. They included four days of orientation at the beginning of the school year, and evening trainings, on Scholar Hour/homework assistance, Special Needs, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade program leaders, a mid-year orientation for any new staff who did not attend the August training, and a full-day's training on cultural proficiency. This year, City Parks and Recreation staff provided two days of SPARK (Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids) training. SPARK is a research-based physical education program that combats childhood obesity.
- The highlight of the District's five-week rotation curriculum is the iPad curriculum, which consists of five days of technology and life skills training as students explore the world of iPads. A few of the iPad curriculum titles are: Digital Art, Science in Action and, of course, Hours of Code at the same time as the national initiative. The District curriculum is designed to align with the Common Core State Standards and focuses on academia, social emotional growth, and more.
- A Supper Program was rolled out on two campuses: 1) Franklin campus for Franklin and Adelante A-OK Programs, and 2) La Cumbre campus for La Cumbre ASES and SB Community Academy A-OK Program. Currently the District's Food Services serves approximately 500 children each weeknight.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lights On-After School", a National event, was held this year at McKinley Elementary School on Thursday, October 23, 2014, from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. to celebrate the achievements of afterschool programs and highlight the importance of reading to children. There were tables of activities from partnering agencies such as

United Way, City Library, S.B.C.C./Orfalea Learning Center, U.C.S.B./Read Across America, and District staff.

- In January 2015, the program held its annual ASES/A-OK Breakfast Collaborative Meeting with 35 participants. The participants included: the District's Director of English Language Learners and Parent Engagement, A-OK Principals, one Board Member, and eight major partners (S.B. County Food Bank, S.B. County's District Attorney's Office, Partners in Education, City Library, City Parks and Recreation, Girl Scouts, U.C.S.B., and Easy Lift). City Councilwoman Murillo was present for the meeting.
- ASES/A-OK celebrated National Read Across America with a collection of literacy events. The family event was held at Adams A-OK on Monday, March 2, 2015 with Hats Off Dr. Seuss/literacy night. A-OK partnered with the City Library to host the evening event and dinner was served to all who attended.
- Thirty-five volunteers and interns from the SBCC Work Study program, local high schools, U.C.S.B.'s America Reads/America Counts, Partners in Education, and the First Presbyterian and Trinity Churches are involved on a regular basis helping students with curriculum and homework.
- In Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (the last full fiscal year of service), the AOK program received \$904,854 in grant funding and \$728,200 in donations and in-kind services. The AOK grant provides a reimbursement of \$7.50/day/student. Including matching funds and contributions, the program cost was \$13.00/day/student. This far exceeds the 33% grant requirement.
- The A-OK program budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 includes \$47,385 in funds and \$104,890 in in-kind contributions from the City of Santa Barbara.

*Debi Badger, District Director of Child Development and After School Programs*

#### Recreation Afterschool Program – RAP

The City of Santa Barbara offers a fee-based afterschool recreation program for students at Adams, Monroe, Roosevelt and Washington elementary schools. At mid-year, 426 participants (251 full-time and 175 "drop-in" students) were registered. This represents an 18% increase in participation compared to 385 participants at mid-year last year.

The RAP program aligns its curriculum with A-OK to incorporate District special needs policies and educational elements into activities and homework assistance. RAP staff development included two 6-hour sessions of S.P.A.R.K (Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids) professional training. The techniques learned were applied during the program to give staff a wide variety of options for fun activities that promote health and fitness. Other areas covered during RAP staff development included: challenging behavior, leadership and authority, pro-active supervision of children based on developmental stages of learning, and computer lab activities. Recreational activities and homework help continue to be the main elements of RAP; therefore, Academic Liaisons were added to the RAP team to support homework completion and provide students access to computer labs. Academic Liaisons provide additional training to assist RAP staff with students' Scholar Hour. The Academic Liaisons are teachers who work at the school.

A few program highlights from this year include:

- The Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens partnered with RAP to provide free visits to the zoo;
- Girls Incorporated provided weekly service learning activities;
- The American Red Cross provided disaster preparedness presentations and puppet shows; and
- The City provided a 15 passenger van and driver for just-for-fun field trips on early release days, which included: Zodo's Bowling, Batty's batting cages, Kid's world, pier fishing, Historic Carousel rides, Cloud 10 Jump Club, hiking, trips to the Museum of Art and Natural History museum and more.

Inclusion participants may require accommodation to access recreation programs due to physical, medical, developmental, or emotional behavioral disabilities. The RAP program currently provides inclusion support services for 13 students with health or special needs: four at Adams, two at Monroe, five at Roosevelt and two at Washington. Program implementation steps include: receiving supplemental information on the child; an assessment meeting with the parent, Inclusion Coordinator, Nurse Consultant, and program staff; and additional staff orientation and training on the appropriate level of support.

The City continues to provide a RAP scholarship program, up to \$60,000 annually. Currently 51 RAP scholarships have been provided. RAP staff also stewards scholarships through the Children's Resource and Referral Program for families who qualify. A free snack program, hosted by District Nutrition Services, serves zero waste healthy snacks at Adams and Monroe each day. Fees for RAP remain affordable at \$150 for six sessions of 30-school days, 10-visit passes for \$70 and a daily drop in pass for \$10.

*Terry Brown, City Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities*

### Elementary Afterschool Sports Leagues

The District and Parks and Recreation Department continue to offer free Afterschool Sports Leagues to all students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades at nine elementary schools. The combined effort encourages student participation in healthy afterschool activities that promote exercise, teamwork, skill building, increased self-esteem, and sportsmanship.

Sports leagues are 10-12 week seasons and include Flag Football (Fall), Blacktop Basketball (Winter), and Soccer (Spring). Coaches are assigned to each school to provide instruction, leadership, and mentoring to all children participating in the program.

Teams receive one scheduled afterschool practice and one game each week during the league season. Each division competes on different days against other local Santa Barbara elementary school teams. Boys, girls, and coed divisions ensure all interested students are able to participate.

Participation levels in the three afterschool sport leagues remain consistent. Current participation for each of the sports is as follows:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Flag Football	248
Blacktop Basketball	368
Soccer	Registration in process*

\* Soccer had 571 participants in 2014, and it is anticipated that the same number of youth will participate during the current school year.

The Parks and Recreation Department sports program coordinator plans, organizes, and supervises the paid coaches, referees, and youth bus drivers to ensure the programs are organized and successful. Transportation is provided to A-OK afterschool teams that have “away” games scheduled at other local elementary schools. The City Sports staff works closely with afterschool RAP, A-OK, and school staff to coordinate the students’ participation in practice and games while also cooperating to share field and/or court space at the elementary schools. A majority of the afterschool flag football and soccer games were played at Dwight Murphy Park soccer field. This year, a majority of the afterschool basketball league games were scheduled and played at Santa Barbara Junior High School’s six blacktop basketball courts. The benefits to playing simultaneous games in one location are improved coordination, safety, supervision, and the creation of a fun atmosphere for the kids. The annual budget for the free program comes from the City’s General Fund and is approximately \$75,000. These funds support staff time, sports supplies, team shirts for the kids, and shirts for coaches and referees to easily identify them on school campuses.

*Jeff Smith, City Recreation Supervisor/Sports*

#### Junior High Afterschool Sports Leagues

Following the transition of the administration of the Junior High Afterschool Sport Leagues from the Santa Barbara Police Activities League (PAL) to the District, the program model of using certified teachers as coaches for junior high afterschool sport programming has resulted in immediate results and increased participation.

Current numbers during the 2014-2015 school year reflect 853 youth participating in six sports; including, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and flag football. This is a significant increase compared with the first year of operation when 229 youth participated in an abbreviated two-sport season. The participation numbers achieved during the current school year almost mirror participation numbers achieved during the 2004-2009 seasons when the program was operated by the Parks and Recreation Department.

*Lito Garcia, Junior High Principal/Program Administrator.*

**E. Park Ranger Program:** The District contracts with the City for Campus Security Services provided by the Park Rangers on evenings and weekends. Rangers conducted 856 school visits during the period of July 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015. During this time period Rangers discovered and documented 11 instances of vandalism on various campuses. Incidents of note include:

- In July 2014, Rangers found and caught 6 juveniles swimming in the Santa Barbara High School pool without supervision. Rangers also discovered and reported a damaged door which allowed entrance into the pool enclosure.
- In August 2014, Rangers observed two juvenile and two adult males with a large amount of marijuana in baggies and a scale at La Cumbre Jr. High School. Rangers called Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) and the men were cited for possession of marijuana on campus and marijuana with saleable quantities.
- In September 2014, Rangers received a call from the McKinley School Principal that SBCC students parked in the school's lot. Rangers cited the offending vehicles.
- Also in September 2014, Rangers observed a large amount of gang related graffiti at McKinley School and called SBPD and the school's Principal.
- In October 2014, Rangers found that a Santa Barbara High School swap meet seller was selling knives on school property and reported it to the Principal.
- In November, Rangers reported graffiti throughout Santa Barbara High School and the school van. This incident was reported to the school's Principal.
- In December 2014, Rangers observed four juveniles at Franklin School who ran away and left a large amount of marijuana, a pipe and an iPad behind. Rangers called SBPD to assist and contacted the Franklin School Principal.
- Also in December 2014, Rangers reported vandalism throughout Franklin School. Rangers reported the vandalism to the school's Principal and Secretary.
- In January 2015, Rangers found a ground floor window open at Santa Barbara Junior High School and contacted the school's janitor to have it closed.
- In February 2015, Rangers observed at La Colina Junior High School a tree vandalized and destroyed in the quad. This incident was reported to the school's Principal.

Activity during the first eight months of Fiscal Year 2014-2015:

Premise checks	856
Vandalism	11
Hazardous Condition	3
Juvenile Problem	11
Drug/Narcotic	12
Assist Fire Dept	2
Assist Police Dept.	4
Found Property	3
Maintenance assists	12
Parking Violation	3
Municipal Code Violations	9
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Open Campus Doors/Windows	9

Assault	1
Skaters/Skater groups removed	18
Broken Windows	7

*Santos Escobar, City Parks Manager*

## **7. Report on Public Wi-Fi at City Facilities**

*The following report was submitted by Rob Badger, City Information Systems Manager and prepared by Cazi Brazga, Information Systems Supervisor.*

At the Joint Meeting between the City Council and the School Board last year, interest was expressed about public Wi-Fi access at City facilities. The City has expanded its public Wi-Fi access to many of its facilities including the Community Centers. The Wi-Fi connection was given the same name (SB City Wi-Fi) at every facility to make it easy to use at any City Wi-Fi enabled facility. The use is free to the public and provides high speed access to the Internet for laptop computers and mobile devices.

With the District's iPad rollout, the Community Centers provide a resource for students to access the Internet after school and in cases where they do not have internet access at home. The benefits of public Wi-Fi at Community Centers can already be seen by the high number of connected iPads. Typically around 30-40% of connected devices at the City's Community Centers are iPads.

The following is a list of City facilities and Libraries with Public Wi-Fi, with more facilities coming online this year:

- City Hall
- Community Development & Public Works Administration Building
- Carrillo Recreation Center
- Westside Community Center
- Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center
- Fire Station 1, including the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Fire Training Tower Building
- Granada Garage Offices
- Santa Barbara Airport Terminal
- Santa Barbara Airport Administration Building
- Santa Barbara Airport Visitor Center
- Santa Barbara Main Library and all of the library branches except Los Olivos and Santa Ynez. The two exceptions are because they do not have an Internet connection at those libraries.

City staff has plans to implement public Wi-Fi at the Franklin Center, Parks and Recreation Conference Room, and Golf Course Pro Shop in the near future.

As more information is accessed, communication takes place, and work is performed via mobile devices, the need and benefits of public Wi-Fi will continue to grow. The City is pleased to do our part to provide a more connected City.

## **8. Report on San Marcos High Madrigal Choir's Airport Performance**

*The following report was prepared by Hazel Johns, Airport Director*

When the Airline Terminal opened in 2011, Airport staff organized a week long musical holiday event. The reception by the travelers and employees at the Airline Terminal was overwhelmingly positive, and smaller musical events have been planned every year since then.

Because the San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers choir is recognized as an outstanding program, they were the first to be invited to participate. Not only have the San Marcos Madrigals won numerous competitions in and out of the State, they performed this past June in the Festival Corale Internazionale Di Roma (The International Choral Festival of Rome).

This year, the Madrigal Singers Choir members were asked to perform in a "flash mob" event filmed at the Airline Terminal. On December 3rd, a lone voice began singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Other students joined in until the entire 60 member San Marcos Madrigal Choir, led by Director of Vocal Music, Carolyn Teraoka-Brady, congregated in the central lobby and second floor balcony. Echoes of the angelic music could be heard throughout the entire airline terminal. As the song ended, the audience gave the choir thunderous applause.

The talent, discipline, and quality of the performances were outstanding. The flash mob was very successful and it is still viewed on YouTube. The video can be viewed through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXZbKSDRbzo>

The City is grateful to the District and Carolyn Teraoka-Brady for continuing to sponsor and lead this award-winning choral program and for sharing the Madrigals' talent with Santa Barbara Airport passengers.