

To: City School Liaison Committee
From: City Staff
Date: March 16, 2023
Subject: City and Schools Collaborations Discussion

The City Schools Liaison Committee (CSLC) began to discuss the Committee Purpose at the February 16, 2023 meeting. Staff shared that the City Council and PAUSD Board adopted the CSLC Purpose Statement in November 2019 (**Attachment A**) and the Committee asked for this information to be brought to the March 2023 meeting.

In addition to the Purpose Statement, the Committee also requested to bring back the discussion on the City and Schools Collaborations. The most recent memo on that was from June 2021 is included here as **Attachment B** for Committee review.

Purpose Statement - City School Liaison Committee

Agreed Upon at the November 21, 2019 Meeting

The City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) have a shared interest in the health, safety, and welfare of students and families in the Palo Alto community. The following is the purpose statement for the City School Liaison Committee, agreed upon by the City School Liaison Committee on November 21, 2019.

Purpose: The Committee meetings serve as a time for PAUSD Board Members and City of Palo Alto City Council Members to officially come together on a regular basis. It provides a unique opportunity for the elected representatives and associated staff to:

- Establish stronger relations between and among elected and staff across separate jurisdictions operating in the same community
- Gain understanding of perspectives, opportunities, constraints of PAUSD, the City, and other schools in the community
- Share current actions and activities
- Explore current and ongoing issues of mutual interest
- Identify issues and/or devise means to prevent issues from arising in the future
- Work together on relevant community projects
- Regularly communicate to both bodies

To: City School Liaison Committee
From: City Staff
Date: June 17, 2021
Subject: City and Schools Collaborations Follow Up Discussion

At the March 25, 2021 City School Liaison Committee, the Committee started to review existing collaborations that exist between the City of Palo Alto (the City) and the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) for serving the needs of youth and families. The initial list of categories of collaborations were included in the memo contained online (<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/at-places-memo/03-25-21-cslc-at-places-memo-item-5.pdf>). The Committee continued the conversation at the May 20, 2021 meeting with the City staff providing [an updated memo](#) with additional context about the programs offered by the City. The Committee asked the School District to fill in programs within applicable categories.

The information below is that additional information in **red** from the School District for the Committee to review and provide guidance on future discussion scheduling of these items. This is still not an exhaustive list but is additional information adding to the initial lists mentioned above.

Transportation and Planning:

- Student travel safety
 - o Safe Routes to School – 21+ years
 - City program management, education, contracts
 - Schools facility use
 - Ongoing informal support from the District
 - Ongoing parent engagement – City /School Traffic Safety Liaison Committee
 - o Crossing Guards – 10-20 years
 - Warrants and analysis
 - City contract management
- Shuttle buses (10-20 years – discontinued in FY 2021)
- Railroad grade separations and bike/ped improvements
 - o Ongoing implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements (e.g., South Palo Alto bikeways project, SRTS CIP).
 - o Process mapping opportunity
 - o District and community engagement

Youth Mental Health:

- o Project Safety Net youth mental health
- o Care Solace (online resource with a live, multilingual Care Concierge meant to assist individuals in finding local mental health-related programs and counseling services).
- o On-site Wellness Centers
- o PAUSD Telehealth Services
- o Asian American Community Involvement (ACCI) – Individual, group, and family therapy; Substance Abuse
- o Contracted services through three mental health agencies ([Cassy/Acknowledge Alliance/ Family and Children's Services](#)) at the elementary level and one mental health agency (CASSY) at the secondary level, to offer free, comprehensive site-based counseling supports to students.

Teen Leadership Programs:

- Palo Alto Youth Council and Teen Advisory Board
- Other programming for teens at community centers and libraries
- District programs

Recreation:

- Middle school athletics
- School playing fields after hour rental, management and maintenance
- **PAUSD InPlay – comprehensive collaborative community effort to develop a citywide network of quality summer and after school learning opportunities.**

Libraries and Community Services:

- Libraries
 - o Partnership between school and City librarians (e.g., sharing Summer Reading Program materials at schools)
 - o Career services – 2 years
 - o Student Library ID as City Library Card partnership – 4-6 years
- Community Centers
 - o Cubberley (MakeX maker space)
 - o Mitchell (the Drop-in Teen Center)
- Art Programs – 10-21+ years
 - o Youth Art Exhibit at Art Center
 - o Project Look – Partnership for Art Center School Tour Program
 - o Cultural Kaleidoscope Program – Art Center artists in classroom art instruction
 - o Dance in Schools – dance programming in schools
 - o Teen Arts
 - o Children’s Theatre – Outreach and Theatre in elementary schools
- Junior Museum and Zoo – science education (10-21+ years)
- Childcare
 - o Palo Alto Community Child Care
 - o **Right At School**

Safety:

- School Resource Officers (onsite officers, safety trainings, etc.) – 30 years; discontinued FY 2021
- Ongoing communication with schools and District (special events, investigations, major case support, etc.)
- Emergency Services support
- **School site emergency plans**