

From Heather de Roos, President, GVPTA

I want to thank everyone who attended the meeting on a chilly, rainy night and to thank Debbie Goldberg and her team at Fresh Brothers for making the meeting tastier, and for providing a raffle prize (congratulations Officer Kristie Colombo). I walked away from the meeting feeling very lucky to have so many individuals committed to making our community safe. I look forward to a continued partnership with the MBPD and Neighborhood Watch. Below is a brief recap for those unable to attend. Please don't hesitate to send me follow up questions, or suggestions on how to make future meetings even better.

All the best,
Heather
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Grand View PTA Safety Meeting held January 18, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
GV Performing Arts Center
With school and community safety updates from the Grand View Safety Committee, [the Manhattan Beach Police Department](#) and [Neighborhood Watch](#).

MEETING NOTES

Grand View PTA Safety Committee Overview – PTA President Heather de Roos

- Introduced members of Safety Committee in attendance: Kendall, Liz, Glenn, Shane, and Jason
- Provided the following overview of 3rd Party Assessment Recommendations & Next Steps
 - Change in Signage – New signage to be posted around campus “See Something Say Something Call MBPD at 310-545-4566
 - Adding Gates to Close Campus – Paul Ruta, MBUSD Facilities, Maintenance and Operations Department Head, is developing proposal. Nancy and Heather to discuss with MBUSD 1/31
 - Upgrade Existing Video Cameras (night vision, swivel, etc.) – Paul Ruta acquiring specs from benchmark school district noted in recommendations, Clark County. Nancy and Heather to follow up 1/31
 - Range of Possibilities Presented for Additional Staffing – MBUSD will not be adding any staffing this school year. Will explore options for next year in Budget Workshop on 2/1. Also shared that PTA cannot pay to staff a security guard position. Best way forward is to donate to MBEF, the entity that can fund positions and follow up with MBUSD to continue to lobby for need for position responsible for security. Nancy and Heather to meet on 1/31 to discuss possibility of assistant principal position, which would have responsibility for security.
 - Safety Plan/Emergency Procedures – No deficiencies. Nancy Doyle shared that the staff is trained annually on emergency procedures and school safety drills are held monthly.

Manhattan Beach Police Department – Community Affairs Officers Timothy Zins and Kristie Colombo and School Community Liason Jesse Garcia

- Increased School Coverage – New school community officer to be added in next few weeks to backfill officer on leave. Currently, Officer Garcia is mainly covering Mira Costa High School.
- Call MBPD – Encourage everyone to call MBPD immediately if they see anything strange at 310-545-4566. Several examples shared of crimes being solved and prevented because of calls from the community.
- Register for Nixel Alerts – Encouraged everyone to sign up for Nixel Alerts (text messages about emergency updates, road closures, etc.). To sign up text the number 888777 (in the “To” field) and the zip code 90266 (in the “message” field).
- Use of Alarms and Video Cameras – Discussed alarm permitting required and encouraged use of alarms and video cameras deterrents and video cameras used to aid in solving crimes.
- Register Drones – In response to a questions, shared City Ordinance on drones, which must be registered with the FAA to be used in Manhattan Beach because of proximity to LAX.
- Lock It or Lose It – Encouraged us to keep our doors locked and valuables out of plain sight.

Neighborhood Watch – Program Leader Charlotte Lesser

- History of Neighborhood Watch – Spike in crime in community in 1980s lead to community members creating programs to combat crime. Since then, program has lead to a significant reduction in local crime.
- Block Captains Needed – Need for block captains surrounding school and various blocks in Grand View district. [Full list of openings were shown on maps](#). Sign-ups for more information given to attendees.
- Block Captain Responsibilities Minimal – Attend initial orientation, gather email addresses of neighbors, send neighbors weekly emails which are forwarded to block captains from the Neighborhood Watch office, and if possible host an annual get together.

