Present:
District 65
Paul Goren, Superintendent
John Price, Assistant Superintendent
Claudia Garrison, School Board

City of Evanston
Rich Eddington, Police Chief
James Pickett, Deputy Police Chief
Lawrence Hemmingway, Director of Parks and Recreation
Evonda Thomas Smith, Director of Health and Human Services
Erika Storlic, Director of Administrative Services
Mark Tendam, 6th Ward Alderman
Eleanor Revelle, 7th Ward Alderman

Evanston High School District 202
Eric Witherspoon, Superintendent
Bill Stafford, Chief Financial Officer
Marcus Campbell, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Ann Sills, School Board
Pete Bavis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Gretchen Livingston, School Board

Other Attendees
Kathleen McDonald, Executive Director of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

The May 11, 2016 City-School Liaison Committee meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Dr. Goren. Introductions were made around the room.

Ms. McDonald from the Mitchell Museum spoke about the international movement to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day to be celebrated on October 10th this year. The museum is offering a forum for teachers over the summer where educators can learn how to incorporate Indigenous Peoples’ Day into curriculum.

Minutes
The minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.
Community Safety
Dr. Goren and Chief Eddington shared the lessons learned from their collaboration during a police incident in the community that required the lock-down of Dewey School. The protocol of locking down feeder and/or associated middle schools, improved communications with parents, and having staff with identifiable clothing with school insignia at an incident site were discussed.

Dr. Witherspoon and Dr. Goren spoke about the multitude of activities at Evanston schools over the summer. Chief Eddington asked to receive summer schedules to aid in determining deployment in and around the indentified areas.

Summer Programming
Mr. Hemmingway provided a handout identifying activities offered by the City during the summer. He described the various sports leagues, camps, concerts and movie nights. It was reported that over seven hundred teens were employed through The Summer Youth Employment Program.

Mr. Price discussed the District 65 summer school locations and provided a handout with all the educational support and enrichment programs that will be available for the summer, many which are conducted in conjunction with community partners. Highlighted programs included the STEM and literacy options, and the drama program at Fleetwood Jourdain. Mr. Hemingway announced that the majority of the City’s summer camps have an embedded reading program with books supplied by the Evanston Public Library, and that children will be reading a minimum of ten to twenty minutes per day.

State of Illinois Financial Budget
Ms. Livingston opened a discussion regarding Senate Bill SB231 that was passed by the Senate. Senator Biss voted “present” which has the same tallying effect as voting “no”. The bill will significantly reduce general state aid and require local school districts to become more dependent on property taxes.

Shared Facilities
The committee discussed sharing resources in the community. They discussed the Cradle to Career (C2C) collective as a great example of how to coordinate and maximize efforts in Evanston, with C2C’s first initiative focusing on literacy. Ms. Sills and Mr. Tendam discussed that there are many Evanstonians who would like to volunteer for various programs but do not know how to get involved. The On the Table initiative was discussed as well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.