

**FREMONT CITY  
COUNCIL  
and  
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD  
(FUSD)**

Joint Meeting  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

Fremont Unified School District  
4210 Technology Drive  
Education Center - Board Room  
Fremont, CA 94538

**M I N U T E S**

**1. Opening (School District)**

**Call to Order:** FUSD Board President Berke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Flag Salute:** Trustee Jones led the salute to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**City Councilmembers**

Mayor Mei  
Vice Mayor Salwan  
Councilmember Bacon  
Councilmember Keng  
Councilmember Jones  
Councilmember Kassan  
Councilmember Shao

**FUSD Board Members**

President Berke  
Vice President Campbell  
Clerk Sweeney  
Board Member Crosbie  
Board Member Jones  
Absent: Student Member Chou

**2. Approval of Minutes for the May 7, 2018 and October 1, 2018 Meetings**

On a motion by Councilmember Bacon, seconded by Councilmember Shao, the City Council and FUSD Board approved the minutes for May 7, 2018 and October 1, 2018.

**Ayes:** City Council: Present: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan,  
Councilmembers: Bacon, Keng, Jones, Kassan and Shao.

FUSD Board: Present: President Berke, Vice President Campbell,  
Clerk Sweeney, Board Member: Crosbie

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** Trustee Jones

**Absent:** Student Member Chou

### 3. Oral Communications

- Joe Rose, President of NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, a national organization with local affiliates addressed a new state law that just became effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

Mr. Rose referenced, AB 2022, new law, states all schools in California must inform parents and students of mental health services available to them at least twice a year. It is to be funded by mental health services act.

Mr. Rose spoke of a program called “ending the silence”, a two-person project brought to the classroom. He has reached out to sites and in working on a recruitment effort. Additionally, he has reached out to the City of Fremont for a grant to support the program. He provided handouts listing statistics as well as available programs and asked all to consider programs offered.

- Erin McGaw, Grimmer Elementary teacher with Fremont Unified, representing some of the teachers and negotiations. Ms. McGaw addressed concerns with a letter sent home with students on an update on negotiations and felt it reflected negatively towards the teachers.
- Victoria Birbeck-Herrera, FUDTA President, spoke of community. She spoke of the fundamentals of those who reside in Fremont and addressed concerns with a letter sent home with students on an update on negotiations and felt it reflected negatively towards the teachers.

### 4. Report on Fremont’s Mobility Action Plan and Safe Routes to School Program

Mr. Raul Parungao introduced the item. Fremont Unified School District (District) is a partner in the effort along with City of Fremont (COF), Mr. Larsen, who presented an update. Leslie Lara-Enriquez also joined as presenter. The team provided an update on the Fremont’s Mobility Action Plan and Safe Routes to School Program.

Mr. Raul Parungao took the opportunity to thank and recognized all fourteen members of the mobility task force.

The Fremont’s Mobility Action Plan is a new plan of action to address mobility issues such as traffic congestion, travel alternatives, traffic safety and emerging technologies. The COF appointed a fourteenmember taskforce to support guide this effort.

The Safe Routes to School Program at Fremont is in part of the Mobility Action Plan, which has a safety assessment plan for all 42 schools. The program is in the process of implementing 400 quick build improvements to enhance the walking routes to schools to make it safer and easier for those who reside in the COF with a goal in mind to get walking and biking to school to be a daily habit. Their mission is healthy kids, safer streets, stronger communities, and a commitment to having the program reach every single public school in Alameda County to ensure that kids are healthy, that they have access to safe routes to getting to school, to and from school, and getting every school enrolled in the program.

Public input:

- Diane Shaw, former member of the Mobility Task Force as the transit advocate, emphasized the safe routes to school program is really good in Fremont and would like to stress the importance of encouraging others to participate. Ms. Shaw stated that as an elected trustee for AC Transit Board of Directors for Fremont, Newark and Hayward, it is also important that all, City, District and Alameda County work together on transportation for school kids.
- John Reynolds, Vice Chair of the Mobility Task Force, resident of Fremont for 42 years who has done transit-oriented development for Bart, finds the City Council and the District's collaborative efforts, creative and make for a strong task force. Commends the collaboration between the groups.

City/Board Comments and Questions:

- Appreciates all the work that has been happening.
- How expensive is it to have the flashing lights? Concerns were brought up for a particular interception. Mr. Larsen stated the flashing beacon lights for that particular intersection will be in place in the coming months.
- Would like to explore ways on how to get more schools to participate in the program.
- How do we slow down development in the City, which seems to be causing so many problems and appears to be the number one cause for concerns of the people.
- A mention of over \$200 million for various bike/pedestrian improvements, what is tied to this value? Per Mr. Larsen, this consists of key projects, fairly expensive, that overcome significant barriers in the community, such as bridges over Fremont freeways, overpasses, and widened sidewalks.
- Suggestions on school involvement: more campaigns, more frequent in getting the word out, add to our website, add to the newsletters at sites, work with PTA council; agreed with a co-effort of campaigning, with COF and District both making the efforts.
- Any and all sustainability efforts are appreciated.
- Mayor Mei agreed with a joint theme with the city, the school district, the PTA's; getting everybody on the same page and try to push this as much as possible because there may be a huge opportunity.
- Development growth, housing, jobs rich environment, transit demands and climate action plan, were addressed by Mayor Mei. Mayor Mei hopes to reunite a breakfast meeting with the COF to include the police department, AC Transit and the District to address the said topics.
- Mr. Larsen expressed interest on pursuing increasing their financials, as detailed in the Mobility Action Plan and President Berke requested Mr. Larsen communicate with the district in reaching the public as the district is also considering a new parcel tax or a school bond and a coordinated effort would benefit all.
- A request for a joint effort with busing between AC Transit, the COF and the schools on transportation for overloaded students would like to be explored; This is an item to be explored at the next meeting's agenda
- Campaign strategies to include press release was suggested.

This topic was followed by additional questions/answers with no action taken.

Ms. Leslie Lara-Enriquez applauded the collaboration between the City and the District and the efforts around Safe Routes to School Program.

Per Vice Mayor Salwan, he announced the City has been recommended to receive a state grant for an active transportation program grant of \$4 million. It is a huge expansion of the current program to include a lot of Fremont schools.

## **5. Demographic Study**

Dr. Wallace introduced the item. Mr. Larry Ferchaw, Cooperative Strategies presented on the Demographic Study alongside with Mr. Parungao, who was present to answer questions.

Public Input:

- Victoria Birbeck-Herrera, FUDTA President, addressed demographics as it relates to community engagement. She further addressed the LCAAC and accessibility of this Committee which presents the local priorities of the district and expressed concerns with there being no bylaws as well as the minutes not capturing a variety of issues previously raised at meetings.

City/Board Comments and Questions:

- The presenter was asked to quantify the student growth from a new development versus existing development that's turning over. Ms. Ferchaw responded with no exact number but stated growth is coming from new development and with the existing community, has probably slowed down in terms of existing housing stock leading to increases in enrollment at this time.
- Why is Fremont still experiencing increased enrollment compared to some of the other communities in the area, where they're having decreasing enrollment? Per Mr. Ferchaw, these are regional trends that can move around from place to place.
- It is important to understand that both existing homes and the new development have caused serious concern about overcrowding and having to overload kids to other schools.
- Clarification gained on why District does not count TK as their baseline for enrollment.
- It would be useful to have data based on development types were are seeing lately, such as townhomes vs. single-family dwellings.
- It was suggested to join forces as multiple jurisdictions to lobby the state and say you need to provide more funding for the schools because Fremont is historically lower than our surrounding districts.

This topic was followed by additional questions/answers with no action taken.

## **6. Upcoming possible District-City Collaboration - "Adulting Day"**

Superintendent Wallace presented the outcome of the Portrait of the Fremont Graduates campaign. Another area coming from this, in talking to parents and students and support from the Board, is asking City Council for participation on Adulting Day, in that they will be asked to provide their special skills in support of a student on a Saturday.

**7. Staff, School Board, and City Council Communications**

- All invited to the State of the City address, on March 22 at City offices.
- FUSD received notification of four schools who will be receiving the Distinguish schools award as well as the District, being recognized as an exemplary district.

**8. Next Meeting: Date: Monday, May 6, 2019**

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Council Chambers,  
City Hall, Building A  
3300 Capitol Avenue  
Fremont, CA 94538

**9. Suggestions for Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- Joint presentation on busing concerns and transportation for the school and the City.
- The community has reached out and asked about a shared use, facility theater.
- Budget update from FUSD to the City.
- Workforce housing reportable item.

**10. Adjournment**

President Berke adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.