

Meeting Minutes
CITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE

July 15, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy City Hall

333 Civic Center Plaza

Conference Room #203

Tracy, CA 95376

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Council Member Dan Arriola.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Dan Arriola, City of Tracy

Brian Stephens, TUSD

Rob Pecot, TUSD

Jaime Quintana, TUSD

Ana Blanco, TUSD

Steve Abercrombie, TUSD

Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy

Jenny Haruyama, City of Tracy

Todd Lieberg, City of Tracy

Recorded By: Laura Smith, Executive Assistant, City of Tracy

Tim Spears, SSJCFA

Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, City of Tracy

Alex Neicu, City of Tracy

Sekou Millington, City of Tracy

Brian MacDonald, City of Tracy

Michael Nimon, City of Tracy

Don Scholl, City of Tracy

William Dean, City of Tracy

3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were no comments from the public.

4. **UPDATE ON TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TUSD) ITEMS**

- Director of Facilities & Planning Jaime Quintana gave the following updates:
 - a. North School Modernization Project: On a 24 month schedule at the 14 month tier, and painting and fire clearance are in process and TUSD is excited to have students returning.
 - b. Solar Project: Installed 4 megawatt system started off at 5 campuses; Bohn, Hirsch, Poet, McKinley, and Jacobson and these new structures should be commissioned before the end of the year. Currently two weeks ahead of schedule, and will determine what subsequent locations will get the solar structures.
- Superintendent Dr. Stephens gave the following update:
 - a. North School: Walked through the North campus, going to be a fabulous site and parents, students and the community should be proud and excited about the Grand Opening.
 - b. Hiring Teachers: Still in the process of trying to hire teachers and there is a shortage. Hired multiple subject credential teachers, however still need to fill special

education and higher level math/science. People have options for educating, don't need to commute, which is a loss of good people as they choose to work closer to home. The district will get aggressive in hiring practices.

- c. Vaccines: This summer TUSD worked with the Sikh Community that hosted a vaccine clinic, and TUSD has another one scheduled on July 27th, focusing mainly on K-12 TUSD students, pushing hard to get more people vaccinated.
- d. Dr. Pecot will be Dr. Stephens replacement as Superintendent in July 2022
 - Associate Superintendent Rob Pecot gave the following update:
 - a. Getting ready for the start of the school year, and regulations are constantly changing. Keeping parents and ourselves informed. In-person learning and masks will be required in doors, and subject to change. Excited about some of the normal things that will take place. Water filtration at each site.

5. UPDATE ON JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (JSD) ITEMS

Superintendent Jim Bridges was not able to attend the meeting, therefore no update, tabled the items.

6. UPDATE ON CITY OF TRACY ITEMS

- Parks & Recreation Director Brian MacDonald gave the following update:
 - a. High School Parades: Homecoming season coming up with parades and will discuss routes with TUSD, as 10th Street is set up with the streeteries.
- Utilities Water Resource and Compliance Manager Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand gave the following update:
 - b. Drought designation and Water Shortage Contingency Plan enactment: Discussed the City's Stage 3 water conservation measures of how it will affect the school district's irrigation system, and will continue to work with TUSD to handle the complaints. Will be doing community outreach about water conservation.
- Police Captain Alex Neicu gave the following update:
 - e. Provided detailed response requested by Trustee Blanco from the May 20, 2021 City/Schools Liaison Committee Meeting, regarding the training of the (SRO) Student Resource Officers for the PC 264.2 and 679.04, on survivor rights when reporting sexual assaults.

Police Chief Sekou Millington gave the following update:

Developed a training vision and monitoring succession plan modeled by the California Police Association, and will continue to learn.

- Trustee Blanco indicated she has heard from students that they have not received the appropriate responses and wondering if they have an advocate. She also mentioned that it's a shame that California Healthy Kids Act and AB1227 will

probably get more reports of domestic violence and sexual assault, in response to that we need to accommodate communication to the students.

- Council Member Arriola suggested that PD give a report to the (YAC) Youth Advisory Commission to engage with the young folks, as they are the stakeholders in the community.
- Dr. Stephens indicated that it's been over 1 year since the kids have been in school, and some of the kids haven't been on campus in 18 months.
- Council Member Arriola stated that the next meeting will be on September 16th.

7. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the public.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.