

Meeting Minutes
CITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE

November 18, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
Tracy Unified School District (TUSD)
1875 W. Lowell Ave
Business Services Conference Room
Tracy, CA 95376

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Dr. Brian Stephens.

ROLL CALL:

Dan Arriola, City of Tracy
Brian Stephens, TUSD
Rob Pecot, TUSD
Jaime Quintana, TUSD
Ana Blanco, TUSD
Michael Nimon, City of Tracy
Bob Adams, City of Tracy
Nathalia Hughes Erskine, TUSD

Tim Spears, SSJCFA
Jim Bridges, JSD
Anna Cross, City of Tracy
Sekou Millington, City of Tracy
Richard Graham, City of Tracy
Todd Lieberg, City of Tracy
Don Scholl, City of Tracy
Brian MacDonald, City of Tracy

Recorded By: Sheena Stephens, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, City of Tracy

2. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:**

- The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved from September 16, 2021

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

- Director of Facilities & Planning Jamie Quintana gave the following updates:

The North School Modernization – Focused on finalizing the project. There is about 3 months of work left awaiting state approval which takes about 6 months. Plan to work through the winter and spring breaks and anticipate completion by spring.

Solar Projects – They have gone vertical. The 9th site will be energized the weekend of November 18th. Clover Middle-School has been added and now a total of 15 sites will be completed by Spring 2022.

Energy Savings Project Funding Initiatives – To create additional savings for the district, they have undergone a full-on energy audit with PG&E. Hope to have 100% full energy offset within the next year.

- Superintendent Dr. Brian Stephens gave the following updates:

Vaccine clinic was hosted for ages 5-11 at North School and had about 300 students sign up. There were about 150 parents signed up for either their first, second, or their booster. They will have another clinic in 3 weeks.

Vaccine clinic will be hosted at Monte Vista in the month of December.

Majority of staff has been vaccinated and about 20% remain unvaccinated. Staff is encouraged to get vaccinated because once the vaccines become FDA approved, they will be required, and they do not want to lose any staff. There are 27 vacancies in the food services which is a challenge for the school district. The substitution pay has been raised to \$280 and picked up one new person on this list.

Report Accepted.

5. **UPDATE ON JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (JSD) ITEMS**

- Superintendent Dr. Jim Bridges gave the following update:

Staffing issues with JSD too. 17 positions open, none of those are teaching positions, and finding bus drivers is the hardest recruitment.

New major school project (Tracy Hills) and it is out for bids and goes to the Board on December 14, 2021 and they hope that the bids come in at a price that can be afforded. \$32 million collected originally and now new soft estimates are around \$60 million with the hopes to come closer to \$50 million. Wood and other construction cost contribute to the rising cost. Hoping the interest and bids will drive the cost down. They look to open in August 2023 to about 400 students just in K-3rd grade.

Brian MacDonald asked about school plans at Ellis. Shell pipeline runs through campus and Shell needs to clean up and school district is working with Ellis to get that done. Ellis is not building right now. Looking for a 2024-2025 opening.

Report Accepted.

6. **UPDATE ON CITY OF TRACY ITEMS**

- City of Tracy Director of Parks & Recreation, Brian MacDonald gave the following update:

Multi-Gen Rec Center - Project presentation to the TUSD in October and received good feedback from that. The City received 10 proposals from architectural firms and hope to hire by January. Looking at Ceciliani Park site next to Villalovoz Elementary (K-5). Hope to have final concept plan for Council approval by June of 2022.

Afterschool programing – Notified by TUSD that proof of vaccination is required by recreation leaders and there is a good vaccination rate in that department. Will work with HR for weekly testing. Brian will pass on testing information to HR for employees to test on site.

Free Bus Rides – Looking at hard to reach areas. City staff working with School District transportation to come up with solutions for the homeless school kids. \$50k grant received to help subsidize the program. Dr. Stephens offered to get the

information about the free bus rides on the school's website to get the word out. Nathalia Erskine asked about the goals for the rec center and Brian MacDonald stated that the top goal is to have a space for youth during after school hours. New fleet is being worked on with the funding.

- Chief Sekou Millington briefly brought up the Pill Kill Campaign and introduced Sgt. Richard Graham who gave the following update:

Sgt. Richard Graham is with the Community Preservation Unit and stated that this project was taken on 2 years ago and has been working with Channel 26 about the campaign, however, the COVID-19 shutdown has caused delays with this project. The idea of the campaign was to pair with the high school kids to allow them to create the message since they see it on a different level. Peer to peer anti-drug and mental health messaging go hand in hand. Giving the message and the objective to students, and many are skilled and artistic. Received a couple of rough drafts and working on refining message. Hoping to have it done by winter break in December.

Ana Blanco, TUSD Board Member, asked Richard Graham what his communication strategy for the campaign is.

Sgt. Richard Graham answered that they are working on a presentation to be delivered via video at a school assembly or similar. They aim to be effective and not lose the kids during the presentation. Also looking at individual classroom format rather than an assembly because the intimate setting will increase the dialog with students.

Nathalia Erskine added information about the school based programs (mental health, domestic violence, and sexual assault) and maybe making this a part of that.

Sgt. Richard Graham covered that this might be a part of the health curriculum as freshman.

Chief Sekou Millington gave a brief overview of how they are on a campaign to reach more Explorers. JoinTracyPD.com is revamped and has an easy to follow application to get youth involved.

Dr. Stephens will help connect to school principals. SRO to present this at ROTC.

Todd Lieberg added that the City has the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) where this information can be presented to them.

- Public Works Director, Don Scholl added that a few sites required the thermal plastic for crosswalks. There is a 2 month delay in the supply chain. All materials have arrived and more progress will be made. Anticipate that all school sites will be completed by the summer.

Report was accepted.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.