

Meeting Minutes
CITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE

August 18, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

(Virtual – Webex)

Tracy City Hall

333 Civic Center Plaza

Conference Room 203

Tracy, CA 95376

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Dr. Rob Pecot

ROLL CALL:

Nancy Young, City of Tracy
Rob Pecot, TUSD
Tania Salinas, TUSD
Brian MacDonald, City of Tracy
Luis Mejia, City of Tracy
Michael Rogers, City of Tracy
Tim Spears, SSCFA
Dan Arriola, City of Tracy

Virginia Carney, City of Tracy
Timothy Brown, City of Tracy
Michael Nimon, City of Tracy
Miguel Contreras, City of Tracy
Lori Souza, TUSD
David Murphy, City of Tracy
Kris Balaji, City of Tracy
Jaime Quintana, TUSD

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

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

First Day of School – Dr. Pecot gave the following update: Last Monday. Kids are attending in person which is something that we can no longer take for granted. Back-to-school night happened for about two-thirds of TUSD's schools. Another change is school start time which previously ranged from 7:15am to 8:15am to now starting at 8:30am to 8:50am. Adjustment period for these late times and Lt. Miguel Contreras has been called upon to help with traffic congestion during new later dismissal times. The rest of the back-to-school nights are scheduled for next week. Beginning of school is off to a good start.

Mayor Nancy Young asked about the new school times, mainly dismissal. Received comments from students about it being late when they are dismissed from school. Dr. Pecot answered that it is a State mandate.

Staffing – Dr. Pecot gave the following update: Still short-staffed. Some classrooms will not have teachers at the start of the school year. Classes have had to be condensed and teachers have been moved around to accommodate the shortage. Example given of teachers teaching grades other than what they normally would teach. Still have 30 openings. Contracted some of those. Requested referrals for

teachers or those interested who hold a bachelor's degree to apply so the vacancies can be filled

Facilities Projects – Jaime Quintana gave the following update: Working on renovation phase one of Villa school site, recarpeted and library. Also worked on the Tracy Independent Charter campus recarpeted and changed the dynamics of interior furnishings to help service the students and staff better. Solar project ribbon cutting went well and project is an accomplishment. Looking to complete the 5.3 Megawatts system. There are currently 40 operational EV stations and looking toward another 64 EV charging which is unlike other school districts so is an accomplishment to have that many stations. Energy Audit has helped them look at how to go about reducing usage on all campuses and move to 100% offset. Jaime also added that they have a proprietary security system that they are looking to add to all the campuses. Completed sites include West High School, Tracy High School, North School, Central School, and looking at other campuses that need it. TUSD is looking at 5 sites for additional classrooms for the Expanding Learning Opportunities Program. This will also serve the afterschool and summer programs. Also looking at the Kinder programs as it expands at various sites.

Mayor Nancy Young asked about further communication between the school district and parents at North School in regard to El Pescadero Park regarding their concerns since school has started. Dr. Pecot answered no that no new information to give.

Report was accepted.

4. UPDATE ON CITY OF TRACY ITEMS

- Covid-19 Test Distribution – David Murphy, City of Tracy Public Works Interim Director, Tracy Police Department Lieutenant gave the following update: offered and acquired 15,000 covid tests. Looking for an opportunity to share the tests with the school. David will work with school to distribute.

STEM Program / Mayor's Youth Program – City Manager Michael Rogers gave the following update: Regular meetings between the City Manager and Deborah Coker from TUSD. Later today meeting again with her to discuss the STEM program that goes hand-in-hand with Mayor's Youth Program. That program is where students have an opportunity to work with City of Tracy Departments for 6 weeks. To improve on that, they are looking at the curriculum to help build the program that help supports careers based on it, more than just the internship program but throughout the school year where job opportunities would present themselves from the collaboration of the STEM and Mayor's Youth Program. Deborah and Michael are working through it together to help incentivize students to participate.

Michael Rogers asked if many of them plan on going to the shelter site and Miguel Contreras answered that yes, some of them are and that PD continues to impress upon them that they need to start making plans now and some are looking forward to the resources that may be available there even if they decide not to stay at the shelter.

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director added that the afterschool programs are moving forward. Moved through difficulties with enrollment and now refocusing efforts to other sites and in June hired a new recreation coordinator

whose focus is on youth and teens. Will be working with school districts to be more active with teens. Now looking at a facility, the Multi Gen Rec Center, which will help with activities and resources.

Lt. Miguel Contreras added that the school resources officers provide onsite security at campuses as well as monitoring social media accounts.
Council Member Dan Arriola added that the school district is welcome to join the Homeless Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday.

Report was accepted.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.