FREMONT CITY COUNCIL FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD (FUSD)

Joint Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019 5:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

1. **Opening**

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

Flag Salute: Board Vice President Campbell led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call: 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 Jones

Absent: Board Trustee Crosbie and Student Member Li

2. Approval of Minutes for the May 6, 2019 Meeting

On a motion by Councilmember Bacon, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council and FUSD Board approved the minutes for the meeting of May 6, 2019.

City Council: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Ayes:

Councilmembers: Bacon, Keng, Jones, Kassan and Shao

FUSD Board: President Berke, Vice President Campbell,

Clerk Sweeney, Board Member Jones

Noes: None Abstain: None

Board Trustee Crosbie and Student Member Li Absent:

3. **Oral Communications**

Lauren Goldeen, Fremont resident and school teacher, representing FUDTA as the political action appointee, spoke of the schools and community first ballot initiative which will reclaim over \$11 billion every year for our schools and local government in California as it proposed to do this by closing the corporate property tax loophole that was opened up when Prop. 13 was passed in 1978. Ms. Goldeen asks the Board, City and district staff support a resolution in support of the schools and communities first initiative and secondly, she asks that each individual endorsed the initiative.

Alvin Lee, founder and representative of GENup California, addressed Council and Trustees to gain support on spreading the word about GENup and on their attendance at a student led march for education on November 9th.

Edward Mora, Senior District Representative & Community Liaison for Congressman Eric Swalwell, spoke of the Congressional App Challenge being hosted on October 19th at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. A flyer was provided by Mr. Mora with all pertinent information.

Brian Lee, parent of the Mandarin Immersion Program at Azevada, addressed concerns on false rumors of division amongst the Azevada parent community. Mr. Lee asks that these rumors are explained and suggests FUSD or Azevada apologize and set the record straight.

Jennifer Cheung, Azevada parent and PTA President, addressed concerns of allegations made in a speech at a former meeting, regarding alleged division between Azevada PTA and the Mandarin Immersion PTO. Ms. Cheung noted for the record, there is no division between these entities.

4. **Enrollment Update**

District Associate Superintendent Marcus Battle presented on the Enrollment Update.

Councilmembers and trustees engaged in a question and answer period with regard to enrollment, overcrowding and impact to sites.

A detailed enrollment report was requested to be sent to the Council when available. In addition, early communication to parents of kindergarten students on placement of morning or afternoon Kindergarten classes was suggested to support parents when planning ahead.

5. Williamson Site Update

District Associate Superintendent, Marcus Battle presented on Williamson.

There was a brief question and answer period by all. No action was taken.

6. **Bringhurst School Update**

District Associate Superintendent, Marcus Battle presented an update on the Bringhurst site.

There was a brief question and answer period by all. No action was taken.

7. Staff, School Board, and City Council Communication

Mayor Mei spoke of the importance of the Census and for all to work together to ensure its accuracy.

President Berke appreciates and agrees with census accuracy as it also impacts FUSD and the current lawsuit on redistricting.

8. Next Meeting:

Date: Monday, February 3, 2020

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

Coordination of effort between the District and the City on the potential of a parcel tax.

An update on Williamson Site has been requested.

An update on enrollment has been requested.

An update from the City on the status of development projects in the City of Fremont has been requested.

Announcements:

City Attorney Levine announced the City has an item on tobacco regulation on the ballot in trying to get rid of flavored tobacco and favored vapes, the item is being driven largely in part by the students.

Mayor Mei announced the City is seeking members for the mobility commission, and student youth commissions and welcomes all to apply.

Vice President Campbell announced that FUSS donated FUSD \$15,000 for a vaping cessation program.

10. Adjournment

President Berke adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.