

## 2015-2016 Regular Meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC)

Fremont Unified School District, Technology Training Center, District Office, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94536

**March 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call & Introductions:

Fremont Community Member	Present (Y/N)	FUSD Staff Member	Present (Y/N)
Biju Abraham, American Attendance Area, Ardenwood Elementary	Y	Thom Birbeck, Coach C & I Dept. & FUDTA Rep.	Y
Goutam Das, Mission Attendance Area, Hopkins Jr. High	Y	Anne Damron, School Secretary, & CSEA Rep.	Y
Sameer Desai, Parent, Forest Park Elementary	Y	Jeff Downing, Computer Specialist, Millard Elementary	Y
Linda Licari, Washington Attendance Area, Niles Elementary	N	Maile Ferreira, Teacher Librarian, MSJ High, FUDTA Rep. & FUSD Librarian	Y
Robert Hou, Mission Attendance Area, MSJ High	N	Danielle Girard, Instructional Tech Coordinator	Y
Vikram Jung, Mission Attendance Area, MSJ High	Y	Michelle Hartman-Gruber, Campus Supervisor, & SEIU Rep.	N
Rebecca Smith, Mission Attendance Area, Chadbourne/Hopkins/MSJ High	Y	Prince Padania, Teacher, Oliveira Elementary	N
Peter Xie, Parent, Parkmont Elementary	N	Rob Reibenschuh, Asst. Principal, American HS	Y
Seated Voting Members: 16		Quorum Met: yes, 11/16	
		Joe Siam, FUSD CTO, ex-officio, non-voting	Y

Guests: Barth Paine, FUSD Web Designer

Approval of Minutes: Thom Birbeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting.. Biju Abraham seconded the motion. TAC voted 10 ayes to approve; Danielle Girard and Vikram Jung abstained from the vote

Approval of Agenda: Goutam motioned to approve the agenda, with an amendment to postpone the TAC Review Proposal Form item; Rebecca Smith seconded the motion. TAC voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

Oral Communications - Comments from public or members on items on agenda --None

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

CTO update: Joe Siam reported briefly on staffing including a retirement and an opening. Joe reported that he gave a department update at the School Board Meeting the previous week. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is open for the Wide Area Network (WAN). TAC will likely be asked to review the proposals submitted. Goals of the new WAN include FUSD's own fiber, robustness, scalability, etc. FUSD has not made a decision on how to use the old fiber from Comcast; the old fiber could be a backup, or not. Another goal is to take advantage of E-rate dollars is for a portion of the funding (almost a 50% discount). Issue is timely as FUSD nears of the end of the Comcast contract. Construction time is estimated to be a year to a year and one half.

Questions from TAC members regarded cabling, piggy-backing on existing fiber, insurance/repair window, aerial versus underground cabling, squirrels!, 10 gigabits/second with ability to upgrade, location of backbones, etc. The Technology Department is investigating if FUSD can combine with another district like Newark for a WAN upgrade. Joe showed a short presentation that the School Board viewed that related data

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supply and demand to the flow of water in pipes and bottlenecks. The Tech /Department goal is to remove network bottlenecks while increasing aggregate speed.

TAC Presentation: Rebecca Smith distributed a draft proposal for the 2014-2015 TAC Annual Presentation to the School Board. Members discussed the offered bullet points. One suggestion was to combine the 2014-15 and 2015-16 presentations. Suggestions about focusing the slides on reporting to the Board about what the committee did, not what the Technology Department accomplished. One member noted that the presentation should not present stale information. All agreed to highlight accomplishments and agreed to watch for updates via regular TAC communication channels.

Schoolwires Update: Barth Paine, FUSD Web Designer, shared a presentation and analysis of the current FUSD website provider and other providers of Content Management Systems (CMS). Questions and answers about the slides included information about cost, ease of use, backend, etc.

Thom Birbeck made a motion that TAC recommend to FUSD to add one additional year to the Schoolwires contact to give FUSD time to continue to evaluate Content Management Systems (i.e. SchoolLoop, GAFE, etc.). Sameer Desai seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

### **Possible April 4th Agenda Items:**

TAC Review Proposal form update  
RFPS/Bids from WAN Project  
Tech Survey Subcommittee report

### **Possible Future Agenda Items:**

Update on internal document - Technology Roadmap  
Technology Plan Update—seek guidance  
New Members? –April/May applications to School Board  
Election of Officers for 16/17 –June (first meeting of the new TAC year)  
Revisit Content Management Systems (CMS)

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:50 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, April 4, 2016 \* note change of meeting location to the Active Learning Center, M2, at Hopkins Junior High School

Monday, May 2, 2016