

2016-2017 Regular Meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC)

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

May 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Fremont Community Member	Present (Y/N)	FUSD Staff Member	Present (Y/N)
Biju Abraham , Parent, American Attendance Area	N	Thom Birbeck , Coach C & I Dept. & FUDTA Rep.	Y
Goutam Das , Parent, Mission Attendance Area,	Y	Anne Damron , School Secretary, & CSEA Rep.; Secretary 16-17	Y
Sameer Desai , Parent, American Attendance Area,	Y	Jeff Downing , Computer Specialist, Millard Elementary, Vice Chair 16-17	Y
Linda Licari , Parent, Washington Attendance Area	N	Maile Ferreira , Teacher Librarian, MSJ High, FUDTA Rep. & FUSD Librarian	N
Robert Hou , Community Member	Y	Eric Bables , Instructional Technology Coordinator	Y
Vikram Jung , Parent, Mission Attendance Area	Y	Vacancy, SEIU Representative	
Rebecca Smith , Community Member	Y	Prince Padania , Teacher, MSJ Elementary	Y
Peter Xie , Parent, Mission Attendance Area Chairperson 2016-2017	Y	Rob Reibenschuh , Asst. Principal, American HS	Y
Seated Voting Members: 15		Quorum Met: 12/15	
		Joe Siam , FUSD CTO, ex-officio, non-voting	Y

Guests: Lenni Velez, Assistant Principal, Dublin High School; Mary Lasica, FUSD IT Support Administrator.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff Downing made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 Meeting. Following a second by Rob Reibenschuh, TAC members voted to approve the minutes. Members absent at the last meeting abstained from the vote.

Approval of Agenda: Rob Reibenschuh made a motion to approve the agenda. Following a second by Eric Bables, TAC members voted to approve the agenda

Oral Communications: none

CTO update: Joe Siam reported that Staffing his department continues to keep him in paper screening, interviews and new employee training. The new Systems Specialist started today and has extensive experience on the server side. The first round of interviews for the Data Specialist is this week. The FUSD School Board approved the clock/bell/speaker/public address system funds last week. First, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be for a consultant to design the system. Next will be an RFP for installation of the chosen design.

Rob Reibenschuh introduced Lenni Velez. She came to TAC to show members the SSICA system used at Dublin High School. SSICA (pronounced cee-kuh) is a identification card scanning system used to support student location during flex periods. Parents at DHS wanted the school to have some way to find students during the 1 one hour a day flex periods (Gael Period). The SSICA system can be used on phones, iPads or scanners. It can be used to record dress code violations, as a locator, for dance list of those with paid tickets, Saturday School attendance, club attendance etc. and will show students who are out of good standing by displaying red or green after the ID card is scanned.

Ms. Velez reported that the customer support with SSCIA has been good. Scan reports, generated by herself or one of the campus supervisors, show the date, the period /time, and who scanned the student ID card. Students initially hated the idea of having to have their ID card at all times, and the expectation at DHS is that

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they wear it on a lanyard around their neck. Most students have a “back-up” photo of their ID on their phone that can be read by the SSICA app. She noted that in the dark or in the evening the app sometimes has a hard time reading the cards or photos of the ID card on a phone. Wireless access out on the football field has also been a slight issue. Members asked questions about staff time to set-up system and run reports, privacy, location of data storage, impersonators (photos on cards) and how many people on campus have downloaded the app. She noted that the response time from scan to the green or red clearance is less than a second.

When asked about how long it takes to scan students, she noted that 2 campus supervisors can scan 400 kids in less than 5 minutes. Rob noted that during AP testing (this week!) a scanner system such as this would be valuable so tests can start as quickly as possible. She also noted that SSICA can provide rosters so an audit trail is created. One member noted that the use of students carrying an ID card daily teaches character traits and career skills. Members noted that in private industry, employees scan their ID badges to enter buildings and other secure areas.

TAC members then asked questions regarding RFID scanning, do FUSD high schools want this type of technology, will the new Secondary Education Director/principals be interested and/or supportive, the needs on closed versus open campuses, etc. Members noted that the cost of the SSICA system is currently \$5 per student. Discussion then moved to the Business Value of a system like this versus the Technology Value (protocols, single sign-on, etc.).

Mary Lasica, FUSD IT Support Administrator, distributed a four-page draft of a section of the Technology Plan relating to current technology, goals, infrastructure, etc. She asked that members take time to review the information, and be prepared at the June meeting to comment. Members with questions can email her at mlicasica@fremont.k12.ca.us

TAC then briefly discussed membership and application status for the 2017-2018 year. Three new applications have been received. Many members indicated they would like to remain on TAC for another term.

Chair Peter Xie then thanked all TAC members, and members thanked Peter for chairing the committee and commented about the strong, positive collaborative effort between the IT Department, the CTO and TAC.

June 2017 Agenda Items:

- Technology Plan – Feedback on Draft Distributed by ML at May 2017 Meeting
- 2017-18 TAC Membership/Officer Elections/Calendar/Brown Act/Yahoo Group/FUSD website
TAC Committee page for

Agenda Items for 2017-18 Year:

- Apps for Student Locating—Follow-up

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:21 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 5, 2017