



Fremont Unified School District Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee tours American High School, both the existing campus and the new building under construction



While touring the existing science lab at American High School, the FUSD Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members discuss modernization and new construction projects scheduled for the campus with Vanir Project Manager Paul Cristilli.

[Fremont, CA – May 10, 2017] On May 3, 2017, the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) had a sneak peek at one of the two new classroom buildings currently under construction at American High School when it held its monthly meeting at the campus. The \$18 million project will provide a two-story building featuring four science labs and eight general classrooms, and six additional science labs in a second two-story building for a total of 36,723 additional square feet of classroom space.

“This is one of three new classroom addition projects in the American High School attendance area,” said John Chwastyk, FUSD Director of Facilities and Construction. “The other two projects are at Brookvale and Patterson Elementary schools, with each getting a new eight-classroom building. American High has and will continue to have the most dramatic growth over the next five years. “

According to American High School Principal Steven Musto, enrollment was 1,900 students when he first joined the campus three years ago. “Last year, student enrollment was 2,100; this year 2,200, and next year,” he added, “we will have 2,300 students.”

The buildings, constructed with energy-efficient materials and mechanical systems designed to provide the optimal health and learning environment for students, are built with prefabricated kits that offer componentized pieces that fit together in a myriad of ways based on the instructional program needs and the architectural design. The Project Team is comprised of Project Frog, manufacturer of the building kits; SVA Architects; Rodan Builders, the general contractor; and Roebbelen, the construction management firm.



Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members enjoy the early evening light filtering in through the windows of the second floor of a new two-story building currently under construction at American High School

Prior to the tour of the construction site, Project Manager Paul Cristilli, Vanir, walked the CBOC members through portions of the main campus to discuss some of the modernization challenges for the school, which was built in 1972. He noted that modernization often becomes more difficult and expensive than new construction. The tour of the building under construction was led by Construction Manager Julio Hernandez, Roebbelen, who pointed out many of the sustainable materials the building features.

The two new American High School classroom buildings are funded through Measure E, the \$650 million school facilities bond passed by Fremont voters in 2014, and are slated to open sometime during the 2017-2018 school year. To view the class visits, or for more information on this and other Measure E projects, please visit the district [website](#) and click on Measure E.

About the Measure "E" Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

On June 3, 2014, Fremont voters passed Measure E, a \$650 million general obligation bond, to upgrade and repair its schools, including projects to:

- Update technology/aging classrooms, math, science/computer labs for 21st Century learning
- Upgrade electrical wiring to current safety codes
- Fix/replace leaky roofs, aging plumbing/restrooms
- Remove asbestos
- Repair, construct, acquire equipment, classrooms, sites, facilities

When passing a general obligation bond, school districts are required by law (Education Code Section 15278) to establish an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) in order to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. The purpose of the Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is to "actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction" on the Measure E Bond projects. The committee, whose members are appointed by the Board of Education, must be comprised by at least seven members who represent different stakeholder groups.

The Fremont Unified School District Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members are:

- Bryan Gebhardt, Chair - *Parent Representative*
- Dave Peper, Vice Chair - *Taxpayers' Organization Representative*
- Sally Morgan, Secretary - *Senior Organization Representative*
- Kathryn McDonald, Publicity Chair - *Business Organization Representative*
- Jeff Bowen, Parliamentarian - *Member, Parent Representative/PTA Member*
- Kathy Lang Newman - *Member, Other*
- Jim Hunt - *Member, Other*
- Soraya Torres - *Alternate, Parent Representative*
- Carla Rabuy Cox - *Alternate, Parent Representative/PTA Member*
- Chip Koehler - *Alternate, Business Organization Representative*
- Ashok Desai - *Alternate, Senior Organization Representative*
- Eric Tsai - *Alternate, Taxpayers' Organization Representative*

Meetings of the Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee are open to the public and agendas are posted on the FUSD website at www.fremont.k12.ca.us (click on Quicklinks/Measure E/Bond Oversight Committee). The next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2017, at 7 p.m., and will take place at the Fremont Unified School District, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont.

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