

Summary of Public Comments

Board Meeting 1-11-22

Below is a summary of comments that were received through our Public Comment form specific to the January 11 board meeting as of 4 p.m. on 01.10.22. A total of 24 comments were received regarding the following topics:

- **Proclamation**
- **Howard Street Agreement Renewal**
- **Need for a Second Vice Chair**
- **Masks/Vaccine Mandates**
- **Metal Detectors**
- **Sense of Belonging Data**
- **Board Member Behavior**

Parent & Guardian Engagement in Education Proclamation

All writers support this proclamation. They want the school to focus on academics. Most feel parents have been pushed out of schools and not allowed to volunteer or observe because of Covid regulations. All feel they know their child better than school staff and also feel parents need to actively engage in the education process with staff. Most writers want the curriculum to be easily obtained, don't understand why it is so difficult to see. Many writers were very concerned about sentences and words that were left out of the proclamation in comparison to previous ones.

Howard Street Agreement Renewal

Writers were in support of this, only positive things to say about Howard Street. Would also like to see funding increased.

Need for a Second Vice Chair

Writer does not support this, believes board members should not take the job if they are unable to give their undivided attention to it.

Masks/Vaccine Mandates

Writers do not support this. Most comments regarding mandates were in conjunction with the proclamation. All feel they know their child best and can properly assess if a mask or vaccine is needed. Please use facts when determining mandates.

Metal Detectors

Writer feels strongly that metal detectors would, at the very least, keep most weapons from entering the school building. Students knowing there is a metal detector would be all it takes in most cases. Writer does not believe this will 100% fix the issue but would be a huge factor to limit the number of weapons coming into the building.

Sense of Belonging Data

Writer noticed that white students have the least sense of belonging according to the 2019-21 data that was viewed. Wonders why the district is not questioning this or provided reasons why this is happening.

Board Member Behavior

A few writers commented that Satya Chandragiri is attending/promoting "far right" group gatherings and is the key speaker at some of these events. Writers also commented that he was at these events without a mask. Marty Heyen was also noted as an attendee at some of the same events without a mask. Writer believes the sentiments that are repeated at these meetings and the documentation that is passed out go against the board's resolution for commitment to equity and anti-racism.