

**Non-agenda Public Comment:**

- **no trespassing order**

**Mike Slagle**

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

My topic is about the recent no trespassing order. What happened during the last meeting, how long has this been going on, why was the resolution passed? I saw video on social media and saw persons and children banging on windows and duct taping the doors. If it is happening here, are our children safe in schools is my concern. I would like to hear from the prior leadership of the board as to why it was necessary to pass this resolution. Thank you

**Non-agenda Public Comment:**

- For/Para **Public engagement in decision making**

**Linda Farrington**

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

Please inform us about your interpretation of the law regarding parent engagement in public school policy, decision making, curriculum choices, notification of parents and the community on these issues, and how you plan to apply it this year in the Salem Keizer Public Schools. Please cite the law and policy and be specific about any changes that have been made to the law and policy and who was engaged in those decisions. I find very little engagement from our Salem Keizer School District with parents and community members who are all affected by what is taught in public schools. After reviewing the RSSL and ESSER plans, I find little acknowledgement of engagement with the parent population at large and a lot of talk about "ongoing meaningful engagement" with stakeholders, civil rights organizations, school administrators, staff, and "disenfranchised" groups. I understand that it is time consuming and less efficient, but please understand we want to be a part of the decision making process and plan to hold this School Board accountable for including all of us in the process, as required by law.

**Non-agenda Public Comment:**

- For/Para "**Critical race theory**"

**John White**

Parent / Padre de familia

Keizer

Having read and heard countless diatribes against "critical race theory," I feel compelled to add my voice to the fracas. I can't help but find it ironic that the same people who want Confederate statues and plaques preserved because "we can't forget our history" seem to be the same people raising a stink about CRT. You can't have it both ways. Offensive tributes to antebellum America can very well make black people uncomfortable. (You know, because of slavery.) If we're okay with that, then we'd better be okay with white kids feeling uncomfortable when they learn about America's history. Remember, "facts don't care about your feelings." America's got some nasty skeletons in its closet. Don't be afraid of confronting them.

**Non-agenda Public Comment:**

- Against/Contra **Curriculum**

**Tracey Pratt**

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

With regard to curriculum, I am for the teaching of academics. i am absolutely not for the schools to take it upon themselves to teach my children CRT or this wave of sexual/identity politics. I will most definitely be pulling my children from public school for the fall if any of these are part of curriculum. This is a parents job to address these issues and the school is for academics - reading, writing, math, fact-based science and TRUTHFUL history. I will protect my children's hearts and minds at all cost. Even in high school.

**Non-agenda Public Comment:**

- For/Welcoming New Board Members

**Levi Herrera-Lopez**

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

I write to welcome the four new Board members on the Salem-Keizer School Board of Directors. This is a great and historic day, full of hope and excitement for the thousands of families and thousands of students who've been historically excluded. Not that long ago, immigrant students and many other students of color were excluded from equitable educational experiences. Not that long ago, our parents were given the cold shoulder, and made out to be bad people. Not that long ago, we were policed in ways that others were not. Not that long ago we were told in classrooms and school offices that we wouldn't amount to anything. Not that long may be two decades, a decade, five years, or a year for some. But, tonight is different than all other nights before. The next time a student is treated the same way, these Board members can be an example that inspires others to feel hope for themselves. At the same time, let's keep our feet on the ground. This is progress -- because so many worked to prevent this night. But it is not Victory. There are those already saying these new directors are now to blame for EVERYTHING and that if they don't lead us into a utopia they are failures -- this is an example of systemic racism experienced by many professionals of color; but, I digress. This political posturing or even hopeful idealism is not very helpful. The system that created all the experiences I mentioned is not automatically erased by one election. A lot of work still needs to be done. It is just that now we have historically excluded voices in the room AND at the table. That IS progress, and A victory. With those voices, the real work is now to remove the barriers that keep EVERY child in Salem-Keizer from being able to read, write, and do math, and from graduating, finding stable employment, and thriving in life. Congratulations to Salem-Keizer!