

Summary of Public Comments

07.13.21

Below is a summary of comments that were received through our Public Comment form specific to the July 13 board meeting as of 12 p.m. on 7.12.21. A total of eleven comments were received regarding the following topics:

- Board Chair Suggestion
- Monitoring Data
- Welcome to New Board Members & Student Advisor
- Restricting Public Comment
- No Trespass Order
- Parent Engagement Concern
- Critical Race Theory
- In-person Board Meetings

Board Chair Suggestion

- Wants Osvaldo Avila to be considered for Board Chair.

Monitoring Data

- Writers want decisions based on data not politics or emotions. Continue to collect data on expulsions and safety information and reinstate SROs if the data supports that.

Welcome New Board Members & Student Advisor

- Welcome to the new board members and the student advisor. Writer believes this is a historic day, full of hope and excitement. New board members are an example that will inspire students to feel hope. Members have a lot of work ahead, remove barriers that keep students from being successful.

Restricting Public Comment

- Writer is asking for the current board chair to not restrict public comment and to remove the policy of written-only public comments. Also, writer no longer wants the board chair to have authority to silence speakers expressing opinions critical of the district and school board.

No Trespass Order

- Writer is concerned about videos on social media regarding this and is wondering if students are safe. Would like the prior board leadership to say why the resolution was necessary.

Parent Engagement Concern

- Writer would like the school board's interpretation of the law regarding parent engagement in policies, decisions, curriculum and how parents and community are notified. Writer wants laws and policies stated. They feel there is very little engagement from the school district/board with parents and community and wants to be part of the decision making.

Critical Race Theory

- Writer believes if you are going to preserve confederate statues and plaques, then it is ok for white kids to feel uncomfortable learning about American history. Writer says America has nasty skeletons in the closet, you should not be afraid to confront them.
- Writer does not support CRT and says this is not for the school to teach; school is for academics and truthful history.

In-Person Board Meetings

- Writer believes it is time for the important conversations to be done in-person at board meetings. It makes a difference. Several other areas/states are already back to in-person school board meetings.