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5/9/23	Sharyn Iwaniec	5035299048	42011.devildog@gmail.com	Oak Hills Elementary Fencing	<p>Greetings, I have recently heard through the community that the fencing project that has been on hold around Oak Hills Elementary school has recently been re-started. In the recording of the Bond Accountability meeting in April, Aaron Boyd was asked about public outreach on the project. He reported to the board that letters had been mailed to Oak Hills residents informing them the project was happening and inviting them to an open house on the issue. That is not true. No letters have been received by myself or any of my neighbors. There is a message posted to school parents through Parent Square stating that the project is happening this summer and they can attend a meeting if they have any questions. This is not public outreach for community engagement, it is an invitation to come and "let us tell you what we are doing". Additionally, in the Parent Square message it gives a contact for questions about the project (Kurt Meeuwsen). The email I sent to him with questions was blocked. This is not public outreach.</p> <p>Of course the safety of students is the highest priority. Is there any evidence that a fence actually improves the safety of a school? Could it actually do the opposite and keep kids from having an escape route into the community and delaying response time of first responders? Have any other options been explored other than an unsightly 6 ft. chain link fence? These are all valid questions that have not been addressed.</p> <p>What I am asking is that prior to our taxpayer money being spent, we have transparency and engagement when concerns are raised. All parties involved at BSD knew that there was community concern about this project. This has a feel of trying to push a project through under the radar to avoid community input.</p> <p>Thank you for your time in considering my response. Sharyn</p>
5/11/23	RESPONSE				<p>Good afternoon Sharon,</p> <p>I have been informed that you are having difficulty with reaching me via email. Perhaps you will be able to reply to this message with any concern you would like me to address.</p> <p>Kurt Meeuwsen Construction Project Manager</p>
5/19/23	Koharu Ball		468833@bsd.org		<p>Hello, my name is Koharu Ball, and I am a 7th grader at ISB. Me and my friend, Logan Meyer, also a 7th grader at ISB, have been gathering signatures in hopes that ISB can be rebuilt on a website called change.org. As of May, we have been able to gather 670 signatures from people who agree that ISB should be rebuilt (our school student population is about 800+). We have talked to many students and teachers in our school about this, and they all agree that it is time for our school to be rebuilt into a newer, larger building. Some reasons that we need our school to be rebuilt is; the classrooms are definitely too small, the modulars and portables are quite far from the main building, ruining our papers when it's raining on the way there, wall cracking, weird temperatures where most classrooms are either burning hot or freezing cold, and more. We hope that you support our cause and will choose to rebuild our school. For proof of the signatures and the problems we face in our school, look in our petition.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. -Koharu Ball</p>
5/19/23	Russell Okamoto	5039844151	422d29@gmail.com	Subject No agenda/comment available	<p>Links to agenda and public testimony are not available in conflict with your statement</p> <p>"Written Public Testimony- Comments will be accepted through this form, Wednesday at 12 p.m. to Monday at 12:00 p.m. prior to the committee meeting."</p> <p>I want to know the agenda for this meeting and submit written testimony.</p>
5/19/23	RESPONSE				<p>Good morning!</p> <p>Thank you for your email. The website has been updated with the agenda and written public testimonies are now being accepted, my apologies for the delay.</p> <p>To submit comments, please follow this link and we will provide your comments to the committee at the upcoming meeting: https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/facilitiesmaintenance/bond-accountability-committee/written-public-comment</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Molly Robertson Assistant to Aaron Boyle & Facilities Development</p>

5/23/23	Melica Ellerbrook	5033187168	melica.ellerbrook@gmail.com	Fence around Oak Hills Elementary	<p>To whom it may concern: We have lived in Oak Hills since Jan 2006. Our 3 children, now 17, 14 & 13, all attended Oak Hills elementary. We do NOT support a fence being built around the greenspace behind the school. It's been proven not to deter people from entering school grounds, only to lock kids in if there were to be an emergency. The area behind the school, where many homes back up to, is an added bonus of living in a neighborhood like Oak Hills. It will affect our home values, our historic neighborhood distinction and will change the entire feel of the school and our neighborhood. You cannot just come into our neighborhood and put this fence up without hearing from the people who live in the community and whose kids attend the school. We deserve to be heard and to have our thoughts listened to and discussed with all involved. If this is about gun violence, do something about all of the guns in the country. Don't fence our children in and make them feel like they are in prison. This is not the answer. This is not the world we want our kids to grow up in. There are other answers to keeping our kids safe at school. WE DO NOT WANT A 6 FOOT FENCE AROUND OAK HILLS ELEMETARY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p> <p>-Melica Ellerbrook 503-318-7168 Oak Hills resident for 17 years</p>
5/23/23	Kristina Schmalzer	9202644692	Kfassbender2@gmail.com	Oak Hills Fence	<p>It is my understanding that this committee has not sought community input regarding the proposed fence around oak hills elementary. This committee's philosophy is to start with community outreach before using community resources (money), and I would like to request that the bond committee honor this.</p>
5/23/23	Shane Meisel	5419563896	shane_meisel@yahoo.com	Oak Hills School Fence project	<p>I am emailing to ask that you please follow your policies and priorities for community outreach, and engage with the Oak Hills community before proceeding with the fencing project within the Oak Hills Historical district.</p>
5/24/23	Karen Bos	6504502942	karen.bos@gmail.com	Oak Hills Fencing project	<p>To Bond Accountability Committee members:</p> <p>I am a parent of two current BSD students and a proud alumnus of Oak Hills Elementary and Meadow Park. I am a huge supporter of the Beaverton School District and of the hard work that district employees and leaders do every day.</p> <p>Residents are aware that the school board has stated that they are working to increase communication and collaboration with communities and to clarify the processes in these areas, which I very much appreciate. I would like to call attention to the beginning of the last Bond Accountability Committee on 4/26/23, in which Shellie Bailey-Shah, BSD Public Communications Officer, stated that the outreach philosophy of the Bond Accountability Committee is to inform families, staff, and community members about bond projects prior to their start, acknowledging that this is more of a proactive strategy than has been done in the past, with the goal of increasing transparency and trust that the public places in the committee. The BAC then went on in the 4/26/23 meeting to have an approximately 80 second discussion in which they decided to proceed with the Oak Hills fencing project, despite zero community outreach or any response to direct requests from community members for information over the past year. The fencing project was not even on the agenda for that meeting, so that the public had no way to know this was happening.</p> <p>Our request is to slow down this process and truly engage with the community in a way that follows the above stated processes that the district has set for bond projects. This cannot happen with the time frame that BSD has set: the bid for work was posted on 5/11/23 before any engagement with the community, will close on 6/6/23, and the fence will be built by July.</p> <p>We as a community (signed by over 285 Beaverton residents, not only in the Oak Hills area) are asking district leadership and in particular the Bond Accountability Committee to please follow their own policies and priorities for community outreach and to engage with the Oak Hills community before proceeding with this project.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration of this request from the community to engage with the district. I am unable to attend the meeting tonight in person, but I will listen to the audio and am looking forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Karen Bos</p>