

Equity Network Session 5/18/2022

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Teacher contract negotiations

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Comments:

Dear Board Members and Dr. Moore, it is again time for contract negotiations. I would like to implore you to look over the district office staff, specifically the assistant superintendents and directors. Some responsibilities are very clear, some do not seem to have any. How are you evaluating the success of your district office staff? Some of these positions take up 2 or MORE teaching salaries! Teachers make the difference. Unless whatever is coming from the top actually reaches students and makes a change, as a teacher, I do not see the purpose of certain roles. Please be transparent of the responsibilities that take up a huge chunk of our budget. Please reevaluate the positions in the district office and make sure that you are spending money on people who are making measurable impact on students. Thank you.

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Monte Verde

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Parent Access for Equity on Campus

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Comments:

It's time to have parents back on campus at Monte Verde & continue moving forward toward our students', school, and community's full potential. This school year, parents haven't been allowed on campus to drop off/pick up their child at the classroom door or yard. As a result, a key piece of building school community is missing. Is this equitable? Having parents on campus creates connections between parents & teachers and among families. It's a key piece for developing relationships, sharing ideas & accomplishing goals. It keeps students & the school moving forward. The opportunity for parents to meet at school is where community begins & then reaches the greater neighborhood. The children are missing out on this crucial piece. They do not get to see through their parent's modeling of how they partner with teachers & others, to make the school a vibrant & better place to learn. How will our youth learn these valuable life skills if we are not modeling them? Where will they learn how to contribute and "do their part" if they are not experiencing it first-hand? All schools have a "vibe," or "energy," as do individual classrooms. The energy parents bring to a school is needed, and now is the time to get it back. Even the "familiar stranger," with people you see every day, at the same time, and share a quick "Good morning," while walking by, is noticeably missing. Talking with a parent after school for a quick "check-in" is impossible today. For example, your child is having difficulty with some sight words. It takes a minute to say, "Could you please spend a few minutes this week reading these sight word flashcards?" Or, "Your child did a fantastic job reciting the poem this week." Receiving an email is not the same as hearing it in person. I have no clue who these kids' parents are this year. I would have no idea if I were standing in line next to a parent at the store. I still have fond memories of my mom dropping me off at the classroom. Children are at this age for a short time & this time shapes who they become as adults. How is keeping parents away from their children serving them? Bring back connection & community now. Enough is enough. Let the last week end with positive energy, fun & fellowship. Let's set the right tone for next year & do the right thing.

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