

Board Meeting 10/7/2021

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Anonymous teacher

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Childrens center teachers

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Comments:

I am a teacher at Children's Center. The ENTIRE 2020-2021 school year we were in person every day with children while other district teachers were teaching from the safety of their own home. Please work with our Bargaining team to better our part of the contract. We have not opened article 18 in over 10 years!!! We are not asking for much, some respect and appreciation.

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Comments:

Hi esteemed Board and Cabinet members,

Over the past few years, I've become aware of the unique role the Children's Center holds (or doesn't hold) in the District. Nearly all of it is above my pay grade, so I will speak to what I see as an impacted employee. We provide year-round high quality, essential, and vital learning experiences for South San Francisco's preschool students and families. We worked ALL day, EVERY day during 2020's peak COVID surges without the comfort of vaccines and without disinfecting machines and without staff or student testing and without high quality PPE or even gentle soap and paper towels. We had wonderful custodial and site administrative support throughout the year. We successfully juggled constant disinfecting, cleaning, and distancing WHILE teaching without a tested and proven model. We pivoted, we adjusted, and we survived with minimal cases. We did and continue to do this for 12 months. We were the frontline and we were the pandemic's education pioneers. We do this not because we are essential but because we are passionate about our work. I think we deserve recognition for our efforts. All I am asking is that the Board and the Cabinet find a way to consider our humble requests and revise our contract to keep us (as staff and as a program) alive and thriving and serving our District's students and families. Thank you for your support and consideration.

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Hazel Mendoza

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Student

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Lack of Accessibility Features

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Sinks are too high, no emergency exit in the science building for accessibility.

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Rebecca Fox

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Teacher at Skyline

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Substitute teacher shortage and teacher salaries

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Comments:

I want to comment on two issues, the substitute teacher shortage and teacher salaries. Regarding the sub shortage, this is obviously a huge problem for our district and all of California. SSFUSD should prioritize retaining good subs by offering them full time work. Our subs deserve benefits, a salary, and sick leave, just like all other employees. We cannot expect people to work for our district if we do not provide them with a livable wage.

Second, regarding teacher salaries, we deserve a major raise. This is now our third year of school that has been effected by Covid. We are stressed, tired, and overworked. A new teacher recently resigned from my school site, and when staff heard, the general response was, "can you blame her? I wouldn't want to get into teaching right now." I recognize that a lot is outside of our control given this moment in history, but what is within your control is the amount you pay us. Organizations show what they value through how they spend their money. You showed that you value safety through weekly covid testing, PPE, and cleaning equipment. Thank you for that. Now is the time for the district to show teachers and the entire South City community that you value teaching and teachers.

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Shelly Simi

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El Camino High School

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Handicap accessibility

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Comments:

I will not be able to speak at the meeting I have a night job however my concerns are since working with a student who is in a wheelchair we have learned that EC is not handicap accessible. To get to the baseball/football field we need to make it handicap accessible. There is no handicap parking to the basketball gym if you are coming to a game. In the science wing we do not have a ramp if there is a fire on the top floor, elevator are out. There are two restrooms handicap accessible now, however the sinks in them are not.

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Joshua Baviera

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230 Mansfield drive, South San Francisco

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School Lunch

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Comments:

School Lunch. We should serve a more nutritious diet for a wider variety of people because there are times when I go to school and eat my lunch, but feel thirsty afterwards. However, we are only limited to choosing between two choices of milk. As a person who is lactose intolerant, it is a very big problem because I feel that I am not being given the equal opportunity to eat a balanced diet during lunch.

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Comments:

The ENTIRE 2020-2021 school year we were in person every day with children while k-12 students and teachers were not! They had the opportunity to teach and learn from their home safely!! Some teachers did both virtual and in person teaching which added extra work load but never compensated for it. We were in the classroom with kids constantly cleaning, taking temperatures disinfecting everything that was touched by others. We washed our hands so much they got raw and even today still have to have dr prescribed ointments to help with the sores. We often get left to the waste side and forgotten about but we do just as much if not more for our community and families as the rest of the district. We did not recieve hazard pay, get checked on while opened. We are always an after thought, that needs to change. Children center and our teachers need to be recognized more and compensated for their hard work!!!

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