

Board Meeting 5/27/2021

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Comments:

Can we hire more teachers to alleviate the large class sizes in schools?

Students coming in from a whole year in distance learning, how can students get the attention they need?

Along the same lines, we should also try to keep our teachers by paying them more. There is a teacher shortage and with teachers leaving our district it is hurting our students because of the instability that it creates. Students already suffered enough with the pandemic. For some students school is their only stable area of life and to see different faces all the time can be scary and disheartening.

Board members, to ensure your accountability to the public, please be active in monitoring the collective bargaining process and adjust district finances in support of teachers. Thank you.

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Equity team

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Comments:

When/where will information about the equity team be posted? This is a topic that should be transparent for all stakeholders in the district. I look forward to seeing the diverse representation that reflects our school community.

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SSFCTA negotiations

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Comments:

As a SSFUSD teacher, I can attest to the fact that teachers have been working overtime this year to provide students with access to engaging, equitable curriculum. This is not the same as teaching in person. We have had to redesign our curriculum for virtual delivery, and then for a hybrid return in April. In the fall, we will return to working in cramped classrooms with no districtwide cap sizes, protective language around our prep periods, and poverty wages.

Our classes are crammed full of students. We cannot provide the necessary differentiation that students will require to make up for learning gaps when we are asked to instruct 37+ kids at once in rooms that don't hold that many people.

SSFUSD has a budget surplus of \$11 million, which the district underreports to the board in an effort to conserve money. Give us teachers a raise, who are still working for one of the lowest paying school districts on the peninsula because we cannot continue providing the adequate support for students out of our own pockets and our own time.

It's insulting that the district and the SSFCTA teams have not reached an agreement about the 2021-22 academic year. After everything teachers have adapted to this year—teaching online, supporting students through a public health crisis, returning to a hybrid learning model in April—we deserve certainty as we head into the next school year about our salary, prep periods, and class sizes.

If you hope to retain qualified teachers and reduce the turnover that makes it difficult for our district to provide consistent, quality education, pay teachers or we'll seek jobs in the surrounding districts, which offer salary increases of \$10-20k. We stay at South City because we love the community and our students, but without class caps, protected class periods, and salary increases, we cannot provide our students with the highest quality education they deserve.

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