

Board Meeting 11/16/2023

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Comments:

When will Westborough get it's field? It's been quite a long time and we were told it would happen with this last bond that was passed, but we haven't seen any kind of movement on this.

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Comments:

Is it possible to start looking into getting air conditioning in all schools since our climate is getting hotter?
Students being comfortable during those really hot days matter.

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SLOs on School Campuses

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Comments:

Is there any reason why the board felt it was time to allow cops back on school campuses after the suspension of the SLO program seemed to be working fine? I heard that they were recently on campuses to teach students about bullying prevention and safety. What on earth makes a police officer more qualified to teach that topic than a school counselor or any actual teacher? Also, when SSFUSD is predominantly made up of low-income students of color—groups that have historically been susceptible to targeting by police officers—don't you think it's kind of odd that you would bring them on campuses and potentially create an environment of fear and hostility for your students? I'm shocked that you'd let our children around people whose jobs are to use state-sanctioned violence to subdue and arrest. How do those belong together at all? Flaunt your diversity messages all you want, but it doesn't mean anything if you don't pay attention to very real and harmful power dynamics that have played out across history and continue to now, in your campuses, under your supervision. Cops off campus.

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Anga Lao

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Ponderosa Elementary Parent

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2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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Comments:

1. My son has been with Ponderosa since kindergarten and he is currently in 2nd grade. In the first two years of school the academic calendar and days off for all of the various purposes were challenging but slightly more manageable.

For this current 23-24 calendar year there is a new week off Feb 19-23. This week long break is particularly challenging as it is only 5 weeks following the 2+ weeks off from the winter break. Even within those 5 weeks in between the major breaks there are 2 Mondays off (Jan 15 and 29). Furthermore, 5 weeks following this Feb week long break there is another 6 days off from school for spring break from March 29 - April 5.

This academic years schedule is truly a hardship for many reasons. I referenced SFUSD and Millbrae's academic calendars and in comparison they are both more manageable how they organized their 180 days of the academic year.

2. Afterschool care and transport to afterschool care is very limited. There are MANY students in SSFUSD who rely on afterschool care in other cities like Millbrae. I know this from touring these afterschool/daycare programs every year in the last 4 years. One particular challenge that affects our family is that Monte Verde and Ponderosa have the exact dismissal time and it's impossible for a single afterschool driver to pickup students from both school. This results in students from one school getting a delayed pickup. In our case, the only way for my son to get transport is to wait at least 15 minutes post dismissal for the driver to arrive. There is already a shortage of afterschool programs and even more so a shortage of drivers for transport - these programs cannot accommodate by hiring more help.

Please consider the hardships us families are going through as these schedules are made/revised.

Thank you,
Anga Lao
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