

San Mateo-Foster City School District

Minutes - Draft

SPECIAL MEETING~BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 02, 2019, 4:30 PM

1170 Chess Drive

Foster City, CA 94404

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 P.M.

The Special Board meeting began at 4:30 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

All Board Members were present:

Kenneth Chin

Noelia Corzo

Rebecca Hitchcock

Audrey Ng

Shara Watkins

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 2, 2019 (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Audrey Ng and a second by Rebecca Hitchcock.

Yes Kenneth Chin

Yes Noelia Corzo

Yes Rebecca Hitchcock

Yes Audrey Ng

Yes Shara Watkins

5. STATEMENTS

5.1. Public Statements related to agenda item(s). Please limit statements to three minutes.

Megan Jepsen is a Parkside Preschool parent. She would like to see a change in the enrollment policy for the North Shoreview Montessori neighborhood as she feels that there is a social emotional aspect to making local connections and she is concerned about traffic.

Mary Hagan Kutulas spoke for Melanie Lima who is a parent of a fifth grader at North Shoreview Montessori. Her other child is starting at Kindergarten at Parkside Montessori. She wants to be able to walk to school and create a community.

Michelle Lee is a parent at North Shoreview Montessori. She would like to see the preschool enrollment updated for any siblings who had attended the preschool at North Shoreview Montessori.

Ericka Valenzuela has a daughter at North Shoreview Montessori and lives two blocks from the school. She wants to ensure continuity and consistency through sibling priority for the preschool. She would also like the neighborhood to have a priority for entrance in the program. She stated that traffic is also an issue.

Sarah Buchanan is on the wait list for the North Shoreview Montessori preschool program. She is proud of the fact that the school is of such high demand. She feels that a neighborhood priority would help with ensuring family engagement as listed in the LCAP.

Monica Juric has two daughters in a local preschool where they have made friendships. They purchased a home in the area but North Shoreview Montessori does not have a Transitional Kindergarten program. She would like to see parents in the neighborhood have a priority. Having to go to other schools also creates a problem with traffic.

Justin M. Wooley is a parent in the North Shoreview area. His child attends a local preschool. They purchased a home in the area but found that students were not provided a priority to attend the neighborhood school. He feels that this is an issue of safety.

John Gallagher is the parent of two elementary aged students who are African American, have disabilities, and are living in a gay home. He is also an educator and feels that equity is important. He stated that when children do not see themselves in the schools, they feel alone. His children have been called names and the teachers have to address diversity before the year begins. He would like to see training for all teachers and a poster campaign in each school. He would also like to see diverse book options in the libraries. He requested the Board to make equity a priority.

Allison MacQueen lives in the North Shoreview area and her child attends the North Shoreview Montessori School. They walk to school and can volunteer regularly especially in the garden. She would love for other families to have this option. She is also concerned with fee based preschool families having a priority as it appears that it is not equitable.

Allison MacQueen spoke on behalf of Dave Bauman who grew up in a small town. Mr. Bauman purchased a home in the North Shoreview area because of the feel of a small town. His child may not be able to attend North Shoreview Montessori. He asked the Board to allow the neighborhood students to attend the school.

Laura Lons also spoke to a neighborhood priority.

Denee Kenney explained that she spent eighteen months to find her home near a local preschool and North Shoreview Montessori. She feels that students should stay in their neighborhood. Her family is currently enrolled in St. Timothy's. She also spoke to traffic issues.

Erik Klint is the parent of a 7 and 4 year old. The 7 year old is going to LEAD Elementary School. They are thinking of going to private school. He spoke about the carbon footprint of traffic. He encouraged the Board to change the enrollment policy.

Tracy Reeves-Fletcher moved from Chicago and has not been able to afford owning her own home here but wants her children to get the best education possible. Her first child went to Fiesta Gardens International School. She understands the desire to have a neighborhood priority. She also spoke to the fact that no one in the classrooms look like her children. She asked the Board to consider equity and community.

Jacob Thiel sent a note about the magnet policy in the fall. He feels that Fiesta Gardens International School is in violation of a policy related to socioeconomic balance and wondered how the Board would evaluate these issues.

Diana Harlick supported bringing a neighborhood priority to North Shoreview Montessori. She also stated support for socio-economic diversity.

6. SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES/BOARD

6.1. Study Session - Board Governance Workshop.

The Board reviewed three Equity related Policies and the Magnet Policy. They discussed enrollment in the magnet schools and a process for updating the Mission and Vision statement for the District.

Direction to staff was to look at folding language from an obsolete policy into the CSBA Equity Policy Sample and to make Policy 0110 more actionable for consideration by the Board and Equity Task Force. The Board also considered potential changes to the Magnet Policy as there is no Federal Magnet Funding necessitating this special policy. Conversation about the magnet programs yielded a variety of suggestions for consideration at a future meeting, which included:

- putting the monitoring of SES numbers in the CSBA Equity Policy Sample instead of the Magnet Policy,
- looking at changing the North Shoreview and Parkside Montessori Magnet application form to allow for choice of one and/or the other school site,
- looking at allocating a percentage of the seats for a neighborhood set aside for North Shoreview Montessori and Parkside Montessori,
- creating a Montessori primary house on the Parkside campus and a Montessori upper house on the North Shoreview campus in order to accommodate more students, place the students at schools better suited to these grade levels and create a more robust upper house program.

The Trustees would like to have further information on the fee-based preschool application process at an upcoming Study Session.

The Trustees also discussed holding four community engagements in the complexes to discuss a suggested change in the District's Vision and Mission Statements.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1. Adjournment (v)

The Special Board adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Audrey Ng and a second by Rebecca Hitchcock.

Yes Kenneth Chin

Yes Noelia Corzo

Yes Rebecca Hitchcock

Yes Audrey Ng

Yes Shara Watkins

Board Secretary

Date