

April 15, 2020 Board Meeting Public Comment

Items appear in order received by area.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

No comments for this portion of the agenda.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION

No comments for this portion of the agenda.

B. DISCUSSION/CONFERENCE AGENDA

Agenda Item B-15, Discuss and Decide in the Matter of the Dailey Elementary Charter School Renewal Petition

1. April Haupt

Dear Sirs/Madams;

As a taxpayer within the FUSD district, I humbly request that you do not approve the Dailey Elementary Charter School. It has been my family and many others who have had our children harmed by the administration and teachers of the charter school. Should you bring any concerns (related to IDEA, SELPA, FAPE, ESSA, FERPA, etc.) about the oversight to the Administration, you've painted a target on your child's back, and you will suffer the consequences. They maliciously force families out, as they believe that they are a Charter school and rules don't apply to them, including the governing Charter document.

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is not timely to approve the Charter Renewal, as many in the community are denied the opportunity to participate in the process and have their concerns heard.

I have attached a letter outlining my children's experiences with the school due to the 250 word limit applied by your process. Currently, we live walking distance to the school, but are forced to drive out of the county to get an education for my children. It's appalling what the Administration does, and I hope you will not approve the Charter.

Thank you for your time.

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(Please include this email to be read into the minutes of the April 15th meeting).

2. Jessica Hoff Berzac

My name is Jessica Hoff Berzac and I am the mom of 3 Dailey Dragons this year. We've been enrolled with the school since 2012. Dailey is providing a truly remarkable education to its scholars and I highly recommend the charter not only be renewed but that FUSD look to the school model for other students and sites in Fresno. Dailey not only creates great scores and high performers under the IB curriculum, but Dailey also helps foster happy students who are eager to learn and consider their classroom a second home. The innovative teaching styles and constant focus on creative project learning have met the needs of my children who are all very diverse and have different needs. Dailey is a truly great school!

3. Kristen Maroot-Rippee

My name is Kristen Maroot-Rippee. I have been a very proud and very active Dailey parent since our oldest started kindergarten there in 2011. She is currently wrapping up the middle years program at Cooper Academy. Our middle child is loving first grade at Dailey and if things go as they should tonight, we will walk our youngest through the gates to start kindergarten in the fall. By the time she has moved on from her time at Dailey, we will have been strong supporters of their International Baccalaureate program for its rigorous academics and global outlook, the hard-working Dailey staff, and the community of friends we have formed from there for a solid FIFTEEN years. I cannot imagine the vast void in Fresno if the charter for Dailey and their unique program is not renewed. The students come out on the other side with a strong sense of self, a desire to better and serve their community locally and beyond. Their administrators are great leaders. Their teachers are great leaders. Their students will be the amazing leaders of tomorrow and will be that way largely in part because of their experiences they have at Dailey as a charter school. I strongly recommend the renewal of the charter and loudly applaud the hard work of the staff at Dailey as they continue to strive to provide our children with the wealth of experiences, conversations, and for fostering a community of life-long learners. Go Dailey class of 2026! Thank you.

Agenda Item B-16, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2020/21 Strategic Budget Development

No comments for this portion of the agenda.

Agenda Item B-17, DISCUSS and APPROVE Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2020/21 and 2021/22

No comments for this portion of the agenda.