

May 20, 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

1. Shelby Ortiz

Good evening members of the Board and Superintendent Nelson, I wanted to express my continued concern for safety at Wawona K-8 School for our elementary students, especially with the restroom situation. I came and spoke to the Board in February about this concern. I met with a few District Administrators that seemed eager to address my concern but after talking with them over a few days, I was directed to speak with the Principal. The Principal showed me how the restroom safety process/protocol is handled with the older students. The 2nd grade restroom is connected to classrooms used by 7th and 8th graders. They have directed 7th & 8th students not to walk down the main hall and use different paths to get to their classrooms. This procedure/protocol is not adequate and unsafe especially with minimal adult supervision since teachers are in the classroom teaching and our CA's can only be in so many places at once. I feel like my concerns were not addressed when I met with District Administration. Our site administration can only do so much with their facility and now is the time to address and hopefully modify the construction plan. I continue to be concerned about the safety of my child and all our students at Wawona and will continue to ask for a better restroom plan. Starting next year we will have double the amount of students using these restrooms (2nd-3rd graders) meaning there is more opportunity for something to happen. Shelby Ortiz

2. Juan Ortiz

We are a group of parents from Wawona K-8 School. We are concerned about bathroom safety for our 2nd graders in the Dual Immersion program. During kindergarten and 1st grade our students were in a gated area, completely separated from the middle school students. At the beginning of this year the classrooms were located outside of the gate and connected to the end of the building of middle school classrooms. Several of us brought this to the Administration at the beginning of the year and voiced our concern about student safety, especially in the bathrooms. We have continued to voice the concern with several apologies from the Administration but without any action to solve the problem. There have been incidents throughout the year with the middle school students going in the designated 2nd grade bathroom and students feeling uncomfortable. We want to be able to send our children to school and know they are safe, especially in a

vulnerable place like the bathroom – there is no adult supervision and no way of monitoring it. We are requesting a plan that involves the best interest of our little ones and ensures their safety when we start school in the Fall. Our school is in the middle of construction, right now is the time to rethink and adjust our plans. We want to work with the District and Wawona’s administration on making Wawona feel safe for our students.

Juan Ortiz, Chloe Cardoza, Amanda Contreras, Clemencia Salazar and Trina Sanchez

B. DISCUSSION/CONFERENCE AGENDA

No comments for this portion of the agenda.