
Inside Scoop

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Community Input Meeting



Speaker 1

Is Natalie planning to attend the NASB conference; question about their stance about parents speaking at school board meeting being considered domestic terrorists

Asked By: Keith Brunson

Response Notes: He will send his questions directly to Natalie

Speaker 2

How did we know that his kids went to a charter school? Why hasn't he heard back about his emails on the mission statement?

Asked By: Keith Groat, Community Member

Response Notes: Mr. Groat spoke about his children and their school while attending a board meeting at Emerson. The district is not currently looking to update our mission statement at this time. We appreciate your opinions on the matter.

Speaker 3

Primary mission of education is to enrich students to be successful as adults. Personal finance is not part of the curriculum other than electives that few students take. Would like the Board to consider mandating a personal finance graduation requirement.

Asked By: William Gleason, Student

Response Notes: T&L is currently studying this as an option to present in collaboration with some other "life skills"

Speaker 4

Speaking in support of financial literacy course requirements. Students lack financial literacy skills. 21 states are looking at incorporating personal finance into curriculum, but Texas doesn't doesn't require it.

Asked By: Rusty Hood, Parent

Response Notes: T&L is currently studying this as an option to present in collaboration with some other "life skills"

Speaker 5

Speaking in support of financial literacy course requirements.

Asked By: Kai Hood, Student

Response Notes: T&L is currently studying this as an option to present in collaboration with some other "life skills"

Speaker 6

Speaking about the IB program at Frisco HS. Concerned about the impact on class rank. Influx of high achieving students is unfairly penalizing the non-IB students. Would like the students in the IB program to be kept enrolled in their home schools for GPA/rank.

Asked By: Bill Lester, Parent

Response Notes: Students who are admitted to the IB program at FHS includes many FHS-zoned students. District Policy does not allow for IB students and their GPA to be ranked at their zoned campus. Approximately 60% of IB students reside within the FHS zone. IB and AP courses are equally weighted in FISD's GPA for rank policy. This policy allows all students equitable access to courses that provide a pathway to being ranked in the top 10% of their graduating class whether they are in the IB program or not. No evidence has emerged indicating decreased access for FHS-zoned students to receive a high ranking due to the inclusion of IB students from other campuses in the district.

Speaker 7

Has a grievance filed. Wants to know how the district approves vendors for use in class (Quizlet). What is the vetting process for these vendors? Apparently the Quizlet company is "for" some controversial topics.

Asked By: Audrey McGuinness, Parent

Response Notes:

FISD Student Data Guidelines:

<http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/technology-and-media-services/policies-and-guidelines>

Here is a link to our procurement transparency page:

<http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/procurement/procurement-transparency>

Speaker 8

Can utilize SRO's better if they could be outside during drop off and pick up times. Handicapped mom trying to park and pick up her kid was told "we don't have the resources" to help you?? Safety of kids getting across the parking lot at high school is an issue that SRO's can help with.

Asked By: Kelly Karthik, Parent

Response Notes: We will be meeting with our campus administrators and School Resource Officers in the district and discuss these concerns.

Speaker 9

FISD struggles with communication - understanding what the community is looking for and what needs to be more transparent. It's very difficult to communicate with the Board and have more opportunities to have a dialog with the Board. "If we communicated what was going on, we wouldn't have these conspiracy theories."

Asked By: Lisa Kirby

Response Notes: Individual Board members do not have the authority to act or speak on behalf of the Board or the District. Furthermore, the Board is responsible for the governance of the District, but not the day-to-day operations and decisions of the District. As a result, individual Board members are often not in the best position to respond to concerns from community members. Additionally, when a quorum of the Board is present together, state law prohibits the Board from discussing or deliberating on topics that have not properly been posted to an agenda in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. When community members provide public comment during a meeting regarding an item that is not posted on

the agenda, state law prohibits board members from engaging in a dialogue with the community member about that topic. All Board members can do is to have staff reiterate current practice or policy on the issue. That said, the Board takes comments from community members very seriously and upon receiving comments from members of the public, Board members often reach out to staff to get answers or additional information regarding the topic. Individual Board members are also available by email and while they may not be able to directly address concerns depending on the topic, they are certainly able to listen and reach out or direct community members to appropriate staff.

Speaker 10

Question about advanced ILA classes as pilot in some of FISD schools. What are the success criteria for this pilot? If it's successful will we do this at all schools? Are there any other subjects that we are planning to remove advanced classes for?

Another question about ethnic studies. Would like to see it more inclusive of other cultures. Do we have plans for expanding this program?

Asked By: Anna Ferris, Parent

Response Notes: The criteria is the same for any academic program, that students are successful on the academic standards. We are continuing to study these pilot programs and have no plans to extend this pilot past ILA at this time.

<http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/curriculum-instruction/middle-school-ila-pilot-program>

<https://www.friscoisd.org/about/resources-and-information/secondary-course-offerings>