

## Language Specific Open House - Mandarin

- Meeting host Ms.Dai welcomed all 20 parents to the open house meeting. She mentioned the meeting will be recorded and she will later pass all questions/concerns to school district. This is the first time having small community meetings to gather comments then pass on to the PPS board.
- The host first mentioned the purpose of the meeting is to balance programs and gather comments from parents.
- The host started going through PPS slides while YouTube session displayed on Zoom.
- Some parents mentioned they have received negative comments from local American families, saying the Asian community are causing problems by saying no to the new changes.
- Parents are very upset about the possibility of changing school district. They moved to the current location for the school programs. They feel like their voices aren't being heard.
- There will be 3 other meetings in Dec, all on Thursday. Final decision will be made in January.
- Parents want to start a petition instead of attending further meetings due to lack of the feedback from school. Also wonder if the school district will take their petition seriously?
- Parents are concerned about combining schools/programs would decrease diversity.
- Parents are not willing to commit to the new school.
- Parents raised safety concerns on portable classrooms.
- One parent said they have a really great, supportive Chinese community, they won't have such strong support once they're forced to be moved to somewhere else.
- Parents don't understand the sudden change and don't think the move would benefit children, instead it would only put more stress on parents (ex: families with multiple children will have to make many stops at drop off/pickup)
- One parent asked if the school district will give the families some time to try the new plan, to see if it's even doable? If not, can school provide buses from Woodstock – Bridger?
- Parents are worried Asian students will spend more time on adjusting new environment instead of actual learning. They feel like school district only focus on saving money but not on the students.
- Parents ask the school to consider children's' feelings on the subject.
- All parents are asking the school board to keep Woodstock. They're very pleased with the current teachers and programs.
- The host asked if parents have any other questions or concerns. She also mentioned today is the last open house meeting, and she's been gathering notes from parents since Tuesday and she made sure will pass them to the school.
- The host also mentioned the change will affect all communities instead of just Chinese families.
- School board will make the final call in January.

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- The meeting felt pretty one-sided. Most parents were upset with the upcoming changes, although they were glad to have the chance to speak up even if the results might not be in their favor.