



## Public Comment Responses Received During the WPS BOE Meeting on 3/22/2021

Below is the public record of public comment responses received during the 3/22/2021 BOE meeting.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - Comments are posted exactly as they have been received.

First and Last Name	Address	Please state your comment/question regarding Non-Agenda Items.
Brian Welker	11 Hunting Lane, Westport	Can Mr. Scarice please provide evidence to support his assertion that the Atlanta shootings were due to racism? It would also be appreciated if he could further define and describe the “equity study”, “equity teams” (and their member composition) and “equitable ... world” mentioned in his letter of earlier today. May he, and other educators, realize their job is to educate rather than indoctrinate and leading, by example, is a good place to start. An apology, for using his position to espouse personal beliefs as fact, is in order.
Sarin Cheung	24 Webb Road	Thank you BOE and Tom for your statements. The emotional pain inflicted by the rise of racism directed at AAPI community has been traumatic and unbearable. It’s been heartbreaking, but necessary, to communicate what’s been happening to our children and community. I, like many in Westport, am concerned about how we can form a community where all groups feel an equal sense of belonging. No one should have to tolerate racism from microaggressions to violent acts. I believe it must start with teaching our children to recognize racism and understand the history behind it. I would like our schools to take an active role in empowering our faculty to open dialogues with students at all levels, especially the elementary, on stopping racism and why diversity, equity and inclusion are important.
Katherine Whee	22 Sue Terrace	Thank you Tom, for your statement and show of support to the AAPI community today. It means so much to know that our school stands with us, and against hate or discrimination towards Asian Americans. My hope is that these events can open up dialogue in our schools, and we can address race relations and racism with our K-12 students in a meaningful way. I would like to also ask if AAPI history and heritage can be incorporated more into our district's history and world

		culture curriculum. I look forward to the findings from the district's equity study, and hope that we can use what we learn to improve how we deal with racism in our schools.
Rosie Curtis	4 Heritage Ct	Thank you so much for your empathetic response in support of the AAPI community, I look forward to seeing us all working together to make our schools and our town a safe place to engage in conversations that will lead to steps towards healing and overcoming together with the power of unity, action and change!

## DISCUSSION

1. **Health Update and School Reopening Model Update** - No public comments were received on this item.
2. **Teaching and Learning Update: Authentic Writing Partnerships in English Electives** - No public comments were received on this item.
3. **Finance and Facilities Committee Update and Recommendation for Professional and Technical Services to Implement the Capital Program** - No public comments were received on this item.

## DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Acceptance of Gifts** - No public comments were received on this item.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Policy Committee Update and First Reading of the Following Policies:** - No public comments were received on this item.
  - 1332, Automatic External Defibrillators (New)
  - 3516, Security and Safety Plan (New)
  - 4118.51, Social Media (Revised and Renumbered)