



## Community Voice

Class meeting about gender identity

Parents at our KSD Elementary School received an email from the principal informing them of a class meeting that would be held with our children *the following day* during which:

- A student in the class would be sharing that they were changing their gender identity and that the child would be going by a different name & pronouns.
- The counselor would explain that *“from this point on we are all going to do our best to honor those wishes”* and while it may take some practice to get used to calling this child by the new name and pronouns, *“we are asking you to work hard to do that”* (quotes are taken from the school email)

We were given **less than 24 hours of notice** of this very sensitive and controversial information. There was **not an offer to request that our child not be involved in the class meeting**, and it was the clear intention & expectation (as stated) that **children were expected to accept and affirm this pronoun and gender change**. This was an overstep by the school and disregarded the rights of families who do not share these views.

We expect our child to respect and show kindness to all children, but **our family values should not be undermined by the school**.

All examples and narratives that KFEI shares are **verified**.

If you would like to submit an experience or resource that you think the KSD community should be aware of please do so [here](#).

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