

Meet Your FMEA Executive Board!

2020-2021

Scott Shulimson - President

- ✿ *I have been FMEA President since 2008 - back when it seemed normal to have a Yahoo email address! I taught grades 4-6 at McKinley for 6 years prior to becoming FMEA President. I was Site Rep for most of those years. Before working full time in this district I was a substitute teacher in FMSD and several other districts. I moved to Santa Cruz to go to UCSC and never left the area though I now live in Scotts Valley. Special talent: After commuting over the hill for 20 years I believe I could do it with my eyes closed (haven't tried). I've thought about leaving the district the last few years but in many ways it feels like a family that I care deeply for (and occasionally get annoyed by). I deeply value the connections I've made with you all, and have heaps of admiration and respect for the dedication of our FMEA members.*



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Jennifer McEwen - Vice President

- ✿ *I'm currently teaching 1st grade at Dahl. 2020-2021 will be my 6th year with FMSSD, and my 8th year teaching. I've spent the last 4 years as the Dahl site rep, and this will be my first year on the Executive Board. I fully believe in the power of our union, and am so proud of what our members do every day. Yes, we're here to teach the kids (even from a distance!) but we are better when we feel confident and supported while doing it - and FMEA is a big part of that!*



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Erik Whitaker - Director-at-Large

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Karen Orozco - Director-at-Large

✿ *I am currently teaching 2nd grade at Santee. This is my 7th year teaching at Franklin-McKinley but it is my 10th year with FMSD overall since I was previously a substitute teacher as well as a behavior interventionist for the district. Throughout my career in education, I have held various roles and worked with kids from pre-k to high school, both in the general ed setting and in special education. I have been active in our union from early on in my teaching career, which includes 2 years as site rep and this is my 3rd year on our executive board. My teaching philosophy is very student centered and I am proud of our strong union that advocates for teacher rights so that we can continue to best serve our students and community!*



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Imelda Murillo - Director-at-Large

✿ *I currently teach 6th grade at Santee. I am starting my 25th year at FMSD and have taught 1st-6th grade, as well as a bunch of combos. Before working in public education, I taught 2, 3, and 4 year olds at the the Jewish Community Center Preschool in Los Gatos. I have been involved in FMEA since my first year in Franklin-McKinley. I have held many roles, from site rep to being a member on the exec board, as well as filled in when something needed to be done. I believe in keeping the child at the center of what I do. To me this means having a strong union in order to advocate for the students, families, and communities we serve. My next role in our union is helping to establish an equity team where we can continue to close the opportunity gap.*

✿ *"Be Fearless" -Frida Kahlo*



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Veronica Andrade -Treasurer

- *Contact information available in the next FMEA Newsletter!*

Paul Ward - Secretary

- *I am a Social Studies teacher at Bridges Academy. I am currently going into my 9th year of teaching after working 1 year as a paraeducator at Saratoga High School. This will also be my 3rd year serving as the FMEA secretary after 1 year as the Bridges site rep. Though I am originally from Southern California, the Bay Area has become my new home. Franklin-McKinley has also become the place where I belong and am grateful to serve.*



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