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Calvert County Board of Education

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Dear CCPS BoE Members:

After the Board meeting tomorrow Dawn Mazyck will be standing up again for her sons at another hearing, hoping to finally gain some relief for them and herself. After how they have been railroaded and abused they deserve an honest hearing and a reasonable and positive outcome. With how they have been treated so far there is no reason to think that will be the case, but at some point you should start doing the right thing. Why not tomorrow? Ms. Mazyck has shown she loves her kids, is smart, ethical, will not back down, and has documented *very* well the difficulties she and her sons have experienced. You have received numerous appeals from her for dishonest and unfair disciplinary actions levied against her sons, and both of her sons have endured abuse and retaliation when they have stood up for themselves or she has stood up on their behalves. You have been receiving these appeals from her for well over a year, and have let them drag out, until recent Board President Dawn Balinski (and Daniel D. Curry’s dishonest and complicit lackey) got the bright idea to *consolidate* the appeals into one. Now, Bill Phalen is the Board President. That doesn’t bode well. Aside from Mazyck family’s pain and difficulty, how much more liability will you continue to invite?

One of Ms. Mazyck’s sons has special needs. He has been relentlessly bullied, and repeatedly punished instead of his tormentors. He has increasingly begun to stand up for himself and fight back. What else is he supposed to do, and why should his mother encourage him to roll over and take the abuse? On two occasions charges have been filed against him, based on false “investigation” reports. Interestingly, Travis Mister threatened my eldest son with charges for “bullying” a young man with serious behavioral problems. CCPS initially denied Ms. Mazyck access to view the videos which proved her son was not the aggressor and was attacked. She has had to fight to obtain access to videos and records which are her right to view and receive. Daniel D. Curry and so many under him in CCPS lie regularly and with ease, as Ms. Mazyck pointed out, even to the federal government, including about seclusion and restraint. Her son has been secluded, even though he did not pose a threat to himself or others. If the hearing does not go in their favor, it will only mean CCPS is continuing to lie and will augment whatever legal action Ms. Mazyck is forced to take down the road. It’s not like she is the only parent who has complained about the lack of support administrators provide kids at schools her sons attend.

They are African-American, and her kids have been called the N-word on so many occasions. Bill Phalen apparently doesn’t have a problem with kids bringing racist talk from home, and he also doesn’t seem to think a third grader using that word to hurt someone is as offensive as when a high schooler does. For crying out loud, that is not subjective! No matter a student’s level of awareness of whether they are doing something wrong, the *impact* it has on anyone they might hurt is what first matters. She and her sons have explained to administrators and other staff about their Muslim faith and their religious needs, but so many things, including prayer, have repeatedly not been permitted or supported. Why have they faced discrimination for that and not been consistently provided reasonable means and support to abide by their faith? Why have we heard other stories of people’s right to religious protection being violated? Where is the equity?

How can you know about an educator making sexual comments to her son, which is supported by student-witness documentation, and not have done anything? You know CCPS has a pedophilia problem, and we have been insinuating and alleging there is a ring for quite some time. When are you going to make sure everyone in the system is protected from sexual harassment and abuse? That includes kids like Ms. Mazyck’s son, the boys at Southern Middle Travis Mister was encouraging to misbehave, the girl who was assaulted by a BSW at Northern High, kids with whom George Taylor came into contact at TWO different schools, the female NJROTC cadets at Northern High and the former para educator who lost her job after being assaulted by a student at Huntingtown High.

Ms. Mazyck is clear she knows no child is perfect, and holds her kids to account when they misbehave. She is teaching them right from wrong, and she and her kids KNOW this is wrong. She has been telling you and staff at her kids’ schools for over a year what she so clearly saw – Daniel D. Curry compromises everyone and she knew he would sell out participating staff at her kids’ schools to try to conceal his control and orchestration of her sons’ abuse. She wasn’t wrong, and that is exactly what is happening. Daniel D. Curry terrorizes CCPS employees with constant abuse, threats and retaliation. Maybe tomorrow, Daniel D. Curry won’t lash out and yell at her eleven-year-old son when he *intelligently* speaks up. Curry is a coward who gets other people to do his work for him. He is not a “man” and the more helpless and weak, the better to him. For example, 0-3 year olds are especially helpless and weak. At a Board meeting in August he whined at Dawn Balinski to make Sarah stop speaking because she used his *name.* John and I spoke after Sarah, and we called out people by their names and were very insulting (we told the truth), but Balinski did not try to shut us down. The difference? Dawn Balinski and Daniel D. Curry are cowards who will stick it to the kids they have been charged with protecting before anyone else. We could not believe when we found out she is running again. How clueless and malignant can a person be?

Tomorrow’s hearing will be interesting, and we sincerely hope you do right by Ms. Mazyck and her sons. Even if most of you only care about yourselves, do you understand the magnitude of financial liability you continue to invite in their situation alone?! Even if things are too far gone and legal action is imminent, why make things even worse? Bill Phalen, Dawn Balinski and Tracy McGuire should step aside to make way for Board members (and a new Superintendent), who care.

Sincerely,

 

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Cc: Ms. Dawn Mazyck, parent of PAC and Mill Creek students

 Mr. Cary Hansel, Hansel Law

 Mr. Kelly McConkey, President, Calvert County Commission, and not complicit former

 BoE member

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 Ms. Kim Roof, Director of Student Services

 Ms. Karen Maxey, Assistant to the Board

 Ms. Diane Workman, Assistant Superintendent

 Mr. Anthony Navarro, Executive Director of Administration

 Soon-to-be former, ***predatory and sadistic*** Superintendent Daniel D. Curry