



Parent issue - - Confidential

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Wed, Jan 20, 2021 at 6:41 PM

To:

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I want to alert you to a parent concern that is going public on the Next Door appl [REDACTED] reports over 40 responses and all of them negative.

It involves a KMMS 6th grader struggling with gender issues.

The student was to return to KMMS from treatment.

The student requested that once she returns that her teachers call her [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED], her given name. [REDACTED] originally agreed. After we notified teachers the [REDACTED] rescinded her approval. We had permission to speak with the therapist and we were told to recognize the student's request. In addition we sought outside legal advice and reviewed current rulings and direction from mental health experts.

When [REDACTED] and our psychologist spoke with the mom this afternoon, it went very poorly, ending with [REDACTED] saying inappropriate profanities. [REDACTED] has posted this on the NextDoor app and there are false statements that are being posted, very negative in nature to our school district. Outside from the fact that this 12 year old's struggles are now a public matter, [REDACTED] is withdrawing the child from school and threatening legal action. This decision was also communicated to a teacher from the child but we do not have the communication from the parent directly..

[REDACTED] is getting a legal opinion on where a parent's rights stop and a child's rights begin.

We do not change legal names on our records as a matter of policy, without parent evidence of legal documents.

We do have a practice of using a nickname when requested by the child, and that has been in place for decades. The concern is if we refuse to allow a child to request a nickname because of the transgender issue, we are discriminating against a protected class.

Very unfortunate for this child, the family and our district that this has been made so public.

Please do not respond all to this email. I will keep you informed to the best of my ability.

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Feb 2 board meeting

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Sat, Jan 30, 2021 at 11:21 AM

To:

I spoke with [REDACTED] again today, gaining clarity around the issue of transgender rights versus parent rights. [REDACTED] is indeed planning to give public comment on Tuesday and [REDACTED] expects there will be a large audience in support of [REDACTED] cause.

[REDACTED] told me that she will not vilify Kettle Moraine or any individual on our staff. [REDACTED] will raise the issue of a parent's right to raise their child without government interference as it relates to medical care. [REDACTED] complaint is really against the practice of affirmative care as practiced by [REDACTED] therapists and against the OCR direction regarding discrimination against transgender students as it relates to rapid onset sexual dysphoria. [REDACTED] understands that the legal directive is to allow a student to choose their name and pronouns when they are questioning their gender, without regard to the parent's preference.

[REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] will give me [REDACTED] comments in advance of the board meeting to provide her with my reaction and feedback. If that does happen I will keep you informed.

I feel it is very important to brief the remaining board members in advance of the meeting on Tuesday, so they are aware and not caught by surprise. I want them to know that we will be holding briefings on the current state of civil rights, transgender students, and parents rights. We will seek to bring a balanced perspective forward as we navigate this difficult terrain.

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