

Update

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Hi Mike and Helen,

We are writing in regards to Tuesday night's Site Council Special Meeting. We find it exceedingly difficult to reconcile our differences with the teachers when they continue to be disingenuous about wanting to have a working relationship with us. Only two weeks ago a BLT member (LaChrista) stood up at the May Site Council meeting and read a statement claiming to commit to rebuilding our relationship all the while actively recruiting "their" people to run an election campaign against us as well as outlining the way the voting should be done.

Despite all the evidence, the leadership at our school continues to deny any staff involvement and insists that this is community lead. We believe that Tuesday night's Site Council meeting clearly showed that the majority of our community does not want to head in this direction and believes we have been led into an election under false pretenses.

It was particularly shameless that despite the teachers taking a prominent role in this and previous meetings, a BLT member (LaChrista) would read a tone-deaf statement to the effect that after having been silent throughout the process while making every effort to reconcile with the Site Council it was time for the teacher's voice to be heard. She went on to say that they felt that there needed to be a change in Site Council leadership because we made them feel unsafe. Staff being at the meeting and showing such clear bias against us made parents who didn't agree feel intimidated to speak out.

The situation that has transpired at TC over the past several weeks is tantamount to harassment, intimidation and bullying by staff, that has impacted not only us but tangentially other members of the parent community as well. We need truth and accountability in this situation before we can move forward, and if we need to file a formal complaint in order to make that happen will be prepared to do so. Please advise as to appropriate next steps.

Attached below is a post written by a white man in our community for whom this was his very first Site Council meeting. He was so upset by what he had witnessed that he went home and wrote this post on his personal Facebook page.

Best,
Christina and Evan

2 attachments



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applauds during the 3 + hour shift show of progressive white fragility. To what applause, she must hear her own emotions outwardly while offering praise and affirmation for the people around whom she does not feel safe.

involvement during all this that white people here are fond of prefacing their comments with a lot of hand-wringing about how "confused" they are, how they really don't know anything about any of this racist stuff. It's primitive defense against accusations of complicity! Loathes!

God in all this is the courage, the effort, the emotional and physical risk the black woman assumed in bringing it up at all. At all. In this very white, very hostile, homophobic, aggressive space. What did she do to merit such discrimination? Sex? Incest?

She spoke without apology. She was not
disrespectful. She was not hostile. She was
true, and full of love.

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