

**January 9, 2017**

To: Haslett Public Schools Board of Education

Kristin Beltzer, President; Chris Coady, Vice President;  
Dan Kohler, Trustee; Cammy Wheeler, Trustee; Karen East, Trustee;  
David Martell, Treasurer

From: Eric Thompson, Patricia Morley

Re: Request for meeting and response to our presentations December 12, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We would like to thank the board for listening to our public comment in the December board meeting pertaining to the loss of our son Evan who was a middle school student. We knew that 5 minutes apiece would not be sufficient to tell the entire story, but we felt that the board should hear directly from us as Evan's parents what had transpired prior to October 10 as well as what took place on the day that he passed. We expected that once you heard from us directly that there would be someone from the board that would reach out to us to discuss in more detail what transpired and address what we feel were grave oversights by certain teachers and administrators at the middle school.

We are requesting to meet with the board to discuss the following points:

Failure by Principal Gillings on September 27 to impart out of school suspension to the student that struck and spit on Evan which what we understand is part of the anti-bullying policy.

Failure by Principal Gillings to respond to two specific emails sent the week of September 27 asking for an explanation as to why Evan was given in school suspension when he never struck the other child. School policy states that all requests for communication, especially emails, will be responded to within 24 hours.

Explanation as to what information if any did Principal Gillings pass on to Evans teachers after the lengthy one on one phone conversation the week of September 27 that she had with Patricia. This conversation was initiated by Principal Gillings after Evan had made fun of the pants of the kid that had spit on him and punched him.

Explanation of what is meant by a "daily team meeting" which was referenced in the email from Mrs Brookhouse on October 10. We know that the team consists of those teachers for Evan's schedule of classes and want to know what investigation if any you have done to find out what transpired in that meeting.

What investigation of the behavior of the teachers and Principal Gillings on October 10 has taken place. Specifically why didn't any of Evan's teachers not send him to the in school counselor or to the office after multiple instances of teachers asking Evan what was wrong and of students approaching teachers telling them something was wrong.

Why was an email sent at the end of the day by Mrs Brookhouse while she was observing Evan in the middle of her class, even after having discussed him at noon that day in the team meeting as documented in the email that she sent us at 1:50pm, just moments before the school day ended. Why was a phone call not made, why was Evan not held and the parents contacted.

We look forward to your response.

Eric Thompson  
Patricia Morley