



Draper Notes

June 25, 2015

Teachers Treated Like Criminals

On Friday, May 29, 2015, the superintendent (Gary) sent a group of administrators (Britton, Cummings, Nedley, Beard) from central office to West Elementary School at the conclusion of the school day. Five West Elementary School Teachers were called to the school office on orders from these administrators. Upon arrival, these teachers were told that May 29, 2015, was their last day at West Elementary School and substitutes would be assigned to their classrooms the last week of school.

These teachers were then escorted to their individual classrooms by these central office administrators to get their essential personal items and then escorted to their automobiles. These teachers were told that they would have to telephone the school and schedule an appointment to remove any remaining personal items. They were not afforded the opportunity to say goodbye to their students.

This is not an isolated event. In the past, the superintendent (Gary) has used the same technique to remove teachers and administrators from their positions. Central office administrators were dispatched to job sites to advise employees that their employment with the district was done and then escorted to their automobiles like criminals. One elementary principal was advised of this while walking to her automobile to go home for the day.

These West Elementary School Teachers should have finished the school year with their students. Certainly, classroom activities were already planned by these teachers for the last week of school. For a teacher to simply disappear without any explanation is confusing to an elementary student. To say goodbye to teachers on Friday only to return on Monday to a substitute for the remainder of the year is hardly acting in the best interest of the students.

There is a strong indication that the superintendent (Gary) is looking for one of these central office administrators to take the fall for this debacle due to negative feedback from the community. Hopefully, these administrators will stand with the truth that they were simply following the superintendent's instructions. On second thought, perhaps these administrators should have objected to this order from the superintendent because it was simply not right.