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From: Shawn Lewis <shawnlewis[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:44 PM
To: Steve McConnell
Subject: Re: Note from your Bellevue Fan

View from Olympia: Even if some of the details from the report aren't completely accurate or out of context - there is too much smoke here to not have fire. Full disclosure: I thought that when I was in Bellevue - but John H. couldn't find any conclusive evidence.

I'm in Spokane far more than I anticipated. It's been very good though. I'm a good fit with this team. Not sure how long they will need my help, but my workload isn't decreasing...

Mind if I call you next time I'm scheduled to be in Bellevue - maybe we can meet if scheduled permit?

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From: Steve McConnell
Date: Wed, Apr 27, 2016 2:58 PM
To: Shawn Lewis;
Cc:
Subject: RE: Note from your Bellevue Fan

Great to get your response.

The BHS thing is a big mess. I'm not sure we have alignment as a board on how credible we think the investigation was, and I know we don't have alignment between at least a couple of board members and the administration. BHS has shown up at board meetings 6 or 7 times now with the same basic message, which is, "The program is great and does a world of good for many kids, therefore it didn't commit these violations." The report seems awfully convincing to me, so we'll need to settle on corrective actions -- which will be interesting if the board and the administration are not aligned. The story was the lead story on the front page of the Seattle Times this morning. I think we are not out of the woods yet.

How does the whole thing look from the Olympia point of view?

Too bad about WSSDA. Their loss (and ours) I think. Do you go to Spokane a lot? I will give you a ring next time I'm in O (though I haven't been since last fall -- my daughter comes up here enough there hasn't been much reason to go there).

Best,
Steve

From: Shawn Lewis [mailto:shawnlewis[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:08 AM
To: Steve McConnell
Subject: Re: Note from your Bellevue Fan

Good morning,

Thanks for reaching out - very kind of you. Next time you are on the Olympia area, it would be great to connect if you have time.

I read the BHS report yesterday - Eve called and gave me a heads up that my name was going to be on the report. I was a little surprised, but at least it was accurate regarding my quote - I did tell Glenn that it was a waste of time to have an administrator go to home and confirm residency after requiring a family to submit valid documentation on residency. Not enough time to check all of them - and it doesn't send the right message to new families entering the district... "Welcome - but we don't trust you." **My comments weren't associated with BHS - as the big issue at the time was students enrolling in Newport.** All that said - I am very sorry that you all have been put through this. This is not why you all volunteered to become board members.

Regarding WSSDA, I considered applying but was given very clear feedback that the Board was going to be looking for someone that had different qualifications than mine. Specifically, they wanted someone with superintendent experience or experience in a school director association. The final interviews for the position are this Friday and Saturday. I work with WSSDA staff frequently - and have committed to help the new Exec Director wherever needed.

I hope all is well with you. Take care - and I do hope you call if you are coming through Olympia.

Shawn

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From: Steve McConnell

Date: Mon, Apr 25, 2016 4:25 PM

To: Shawn Lewis (shawnlewis [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED].com) (shawnlewis [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED].com);

Cc:

Subject: Note from your Bellevue Fan

Hi Shawn,

I am a little late in communicating this thought, but I was wondering if you had considered the Exec Director of WSSDA position? I have no idea whether that's appealing to you, but it would be appealing to me as a board member to have you in that position!

I hope you're doing well. We are having lots of "fun" here with the Bellevue football investigation and news coverage. (I will be glad when all that is over.)

Best,
Steve