

Subject: Re: MIS

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 2/15/2024, 3:53 PM

To: Dave McAtee <mcateed@mokena159.org>

CC: [REDACTED]

Thank you for looking into this. We are very surprised at the n word accusation, as I would hope every parent would be, and [REDACTED] has been adamant he never used that word but has admitted to writing the word slave, not calling the kid a slave, but still in a reckless way.

He has mentioned to me in the past kids trying to get other kids to say the n word, including trying to get [REDACTED] to say it, and he has said he caught on and has not said it. One trick was trying to get someone to say the last 2 syllables of vinegar.

I believe [REDACTED] understands the significance of the word and wouldn't use it, especially being that his last school was more diverse than this one, but being his parent I am obviously biased.

I hope the truth does come out of this so it can be addressed either way.

On Feb 15, 2024, at 3:34 PM, Dave McAtee <mcateed@mokena159.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I spoke with several students from [REDACTED] room in regards to the notes being passed. Two of the students read the notes before they passed it to the next student. Both of them shared the same information in terms of what was on the notes. Both boys used curse words (ass, bitch, f...) so that will be a conversation with both of them. They also mentioned the comment about slavery. I am still trying to find the notes but have not had any success yet.

[REDACTED] was also accused of using the n-word in his notes. Using racial slurs is a major accusation so I need to make sure I do all of my fact checking before making a decision.

I also received your website form regarding the taking of his pencils. That was addressed today.

I will be in touch after I have the opportunity to look more into it.

Dave McAtee

Principal

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On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 4:01 PM Dave McAtee <mcateed@mokena159.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to let you know that I received the website form and I started my

investigation.

As you know, [REDACTED] and another student were passing notes back and forth. Both students admitted that the content of the notes were not kind. The other student told me that one note contained the n-word and called him a slave. [REDACTED] denied it so right now it is one student's word against the other.

When I asked [REDACTED] why started with the notes, he told me that it was because of something that happened 3-4 weeks ago. It was something about Pokemon.

A classmate that was passing the notes and supposedly reading them, left early today so I did not have an opportunity to talk to him. That conversation will occur first thing tomorrow.

As of right now, both students will receive consequences for passing disrespectful notes in class. The other student will receive a consequence for the physical altercation. I will contact you once I speak with a witness that read the notes.

Dave McAtee

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