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Steve,

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 I received an email from Dan McMinimee that attorney Brad Miller was asked to reach out to me by Board Member Julie Williams. Ms. Williams had informed Mr. Miller that her son, a special needs student was used as a "prop" to carry a protest sign during a parade at Stanley Lake High School.

I spoke to Mr. Miller who provided a date of Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as the date the incident occurred on. I assigned the video surveillance review to Manager of Security Operations Bill Kitamura and then contacted SLHS Principal Jeff Pierson and discussed the allegations. Principal Pierson was adamant that neither a parade nor protest occurred at or in the school.

**Bill Kitamura and an emergency dispatcher together reviewed 30 hours of video from 15 cameras for the September 8<sup>th</sup>, the date that was provided to us. Nothing was found to indicate a parade or protest during this time period.**

Following the video review, I contacted Mr. Miller to advise him of the findings. Mr. Miller stated that he would contact Ms. Williams and let her know that nothing was found. I advised Mr. Miller that I was happy to speak to Ms. Williams about the findings if she had further questions.

During the board meeting of October 2, 2014, Ms. Williams approached me during a break and thanked me for looking into the situation. Ms. Williams stated that it was possible that she had provided the wrong date and thought that the incident could have occurred on either September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 or September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. I informed Ms. Williams that we would look at both dates and provide her an outcome. I contacted Principal Pierson and asked if he was aware of protest parades through the school on either of the new dates provided. Mr. Pierson stated that neither he nor his admin team were aware of any such incident.

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**Bill Kitamura and two emergency dispatchers reviewed video for 9/18 and 9/22 for the period of 7am to 3PM. 120 hours of video for each day were reviewed for a total of 240 hours of total video were reviewed. Nothing was found to indicate a parade or protest during this time period. The total cost to review the videos is \$3,780.14**

Following the video review, I contacted Julie Williams and advised her that we were unable to find video of such an event and unable to substantiate that such an event had occurred. I advised Ms. Williams that if she had additional dates or times this could have occurred that we would need to know soon as the video would write over as new video came online. Ms. Williams thanked me for looking however was unable to provide any further information.

End of Report

John McDonald