

We are **astounded** at the incredible amount of money spent on the investigation into the walkout.

We are **angry** that despite all that money spent - and answers promised to the community - that we have not been provided any **direct** answers.

Now, we are also **utterly baffled**. Repeatedly last night we were told by the superintendent that she would not answer ANY questions about how things transpired in March 2018 because she does not want to “**speculate**” about events in the past before she was here. Wait a minute - isn’t that the entire point of a thorough investigation? You have a **\$65,000 investigative report that we paid for** sitting in your desk - presumably with some answers?! - so you don’t have to speculate. So now it would appear that not only are the conclusions of the report being hidden from us... but also that the report itself is of no value to the district leadership anyway! If, after all that time and expense, the superintendent can only **speculate** as to what transpired, the **\$65,000** was truly a complete waste.

What we did get last night, however, was some indication of how the next walkout will be handled - if you were willing and able to read between the lines. Superintendent Fraser clarified the attendance policy and the definition of a class cut, and will return that language to the school handbook. We learned that walking out of class is an unexcused absence and results in progressive discipline and that missed classwork cannot be made up. We learned that Superintendent Fraser is “not likely to be one to alter a bell schedule for political activity,” and that her view is that “it is possible” that “someone might possibly perceive” that doing so would indicate a “lack of neutrality”. (See if you can read between the lines on that carefully worded statement). We learned that Superintendent Fraser’s stated intent is to “uphold the highest standards of neutrality,” and we can infer that she does not believe it is appropriate for school admin to use their platform to promote a particular political point of view.

At this point, since the community is still being denied direct answers about the handling of the 2018 walkout, we will have to make some inferences based on what was shared last night:

- The district has plans in place for the next political event that are significantly different from what took place in 2018.
- The district leadership made serious mistakes in its handling of the walkout in 2018.
- The district will not share the specific lessons learned with the community, despite great costs to the community in harmony, financial and human resources.
- The district does not intend to be publicly accountable for the missteps in 2018.

The tangential legal issues referenced by the superintendent cost taxpayers

\$5,525,

\$8,548.75

\$5,427.50

We estimate (conservatively) the cost to taxpayers for substitute teachers and adjunct duty during the fallout from the walkout to be \$5,000.

This brings the total monetary cost that we know of to taxpayers - and ultimately our kids - to **\$90,301.20**. We are certain that the community is owed some straight-forward answers for this amount of money. We are also certain that we do not trust the district leadership to be good stewards of our public dollars - when a government agency lies, covers up, and mismanages funds - you don't give them more of your money.

We are disappointed that district leadership did not take full advantage of this opportunity for transparency, integrity, and accountability last night.

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