



## Community Voice

Parents share their repeated (but unsuccessful) efforts to protect their children from indecent books at school

**Our 8th grade child was exposed to an indecent and lewd book that had been highly recommended by the librarian and ELA teacher.** There was no mention to our child that there were things discussed in this book that were not age appropriate or typical for middle school class reading.

**Our child was very uncomfortable with the book and immediately returned it to the ELA teacher and indicated the book was inappropriate. There was no call or mention from the ELA teacher to us, the parents, about what had happened in class.** Thankfully our child came home and told us what had happened because the content was shocking and a lot to process.

We went to the library ourselves and checked out the book. The content was certainly inappropriate for recommended class reading and **we were completely shocked that our child was exposed to this material in school!**

We informed the principal of the matter and the principal then spoke to the librarian and ELA teacher. Instead of admitting that they recommended this book in class without clear communication of its content, **they called our child a liar.**

**The administrators would not allow us as parents to meet with the ELA teacher and the librarian to discuss what had occurred.** We wanted clarity to hear from them as to why this book was given to our child. **We also emailed the Board countless times. On nearly every occasion, the Board did not respond to us, and when we did get a response it was dismissive.**

We started digging deeper and discovered more inappropriate books in the school. We were told by administrators that we could flag our children so that they wouldn't have access to certain books and protect them from being exposed to books of inappropriate content. That was very misleading. **There**

**is and was no effective system in place to be able to flag inappropriate content for students.** Soon after this all transpired and while the school was well aware of our concerns, **another child of ours was also exposed to indecent content.**

In all of our interactions about these concerns, **KSD staff never expressed concern about the impact on or well-being of our child.** KSD talks a lot about Social-Emotional Learning but it is clear to us that the administrators had no desire or intent to actually protect our children and take ownership when their actions negatively impacted our kids.

All examples and narratives that KFEI shares are **verified**.

If you would like to submit an experience or resource that you think the KSD community should be aware of please do so [here](#).

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