

READ FROM THE BOTTOM UP:

This is a copy/paste put into PDF form of the email transmissions between Brooke Fields and the Marshall Middle School Principal. Brooke clearly calls him out for being dishonest, and he actually goes so far as to ask her to respect that. UNBELIEVABLE.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: David Turner <dturner@marshallpublicschools.org>

Date: February 10, 2016 at 9:01:09 PM EST

To: Brooke Fields <brookenichelle@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Facebook Comments

Brooke,

I agreed with you that the teacher did not need to say Madyson's clothing could be distracting to boys. There is no place for that. I talked to the teacher about her comments and instructed her on how to handle the situation in the future.

My email to everyone included the comment about the distraction to boys. I did not add the other comments:

"Your daughter is tall and developed" and
"Choose chicks over dicks"

because they were never stated by the teacher.

I saw the picture you shared. I said in both our meetings there probably were other students in the school who were violating the dress code. I added that it is very similar to speeding while driving - sometimes you are caught and sometimes you are not. The only way to not get a ticket is to not speed.

I also stated that we were not going to do a clothing inspection and ask students to stand and turn around in classes. That would be mortifying for students and staff. If we notice a dress code issue we address it in a consistent manner. We will never notice everyone.

I said I would have handled the situation differently - talk privately in the hallway, ask if Madyson has something else to wear, and to please not wear it again. That is how I expect all of our teachers to handle the situation.

I understand you are very upset over the incident. Madyson is your daughter and you want what is best for her.

I thought after our second conversation that we were in a good place. I did not want to send an email to parents about the situation, but with over 25,000 responses on Facebook and threatening/hurtful emails being sent the teacher from all over the country, I had to send something.

I am truly sorry the situation has escalated so quickly. I do not think this is healthy for all involved.

Sincerely,

Dave

On Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 6:38 PM, Brooke Fields <brookenichelle@aol.com> wrote:
The only thing true In your email was that the teacher told madyson her clothes were a distraction to boys. You also were not there, so you are unable to give an actual account. Your taking the teachers word. You say I. Your office and stated her comments towards my daughter were inappropriate. My post wasn't inaccurate. You have teachers pulling students aside threatening defamation lawsuits. Is that appropriate. Also teachers going on fb stating defamation and they weren't even there. This teacher needs to be held accountable for her actions. It wouldn't distract her if she could get support on something that even you stated was wrong. Way to knock a girl down even more. I will expect reprimand for her actions.



But you have lunch supervisors dressing like this.

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On Feb 10, 2016, at 6:30 PM, David Turner <dturner@marshallpublicschools.org> wrote:

That is exactly what happened. We will have to disagree on the account.

You have a wonderful, capable child who will be very successful in life. I do not want this issue to distract from her or other's education.

I respect you and your position. Please respect mine.

On Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 6:24 PM, Brooke Fields <brookenichelle@aol.com> wrote:
How dare you. This is NOT AT ALL WHAT HAPPENED!

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On Feb 10, 2016, at 6:21 PM, David Turner <dturner@marshallpublicschools.org> wrote:

Dear Parents,

It saddens me that I have to share information regarding a behavioral issue at school today, but with the incredible volume of inaccurate Facebook chatter, threats/hurtful comments to one of our staff members, and the potential disruption this may cause, I feel I have to provide an accurate response.

The incident as described on Facebook is not accurate for the following reasons:

- * The student was talked to privately at the teacher's desk.
- * The student was asked to go to the office to:
 - have administration check that the clothing did not violate the dress code policy
 - avoid future questioning by other teachers (situation occurred during the first class)
- * The student questioned why she had to go to the office.
 - (which then drew attention to the situation)
- * The teacher explained the following:
 - the staff talked to all students about the dress code recently (within the last two weeks)
 - stated that tights can be worn but clothing must cover mid thigh
 - that she had been talked to before about dress code items
 - that her clothing could be distracting to boys
- * The student eventually went to the office.

- * I am not sure how the parent was notified.
(either student called from office or used her cell phone)
- * A conversation happened with the parent and Principal Turner.
- * **THE STUDENT WAS NOT SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL**
- nor would have been suspended.
- * **THE PARENT TOOK THE STUDENT HOME** - their decision.
- * The student later returned to school.
- * The parent's description was very different from the actual account.
- * Principal Turner did say the clothing was in violation of the dress code
(item #1 and 2 listed below).
- * Had the parent not taken her home, she could have stayed and attended classes without incident.
- * She would have been asked to not wear that again - see consequences below.
- * The parent shared her opinion on Facebook.
- * Individuals who responded did not have accurate information.

Here is a copy of the dress code policy:

C. Dress Code

The staff of Marshall Middle School, administration, and Board of Education believes students' attire is directly related to their academic success and overall climate of the school. Each student's dress should reflect his/her commitment to learning while on campus. To that end, students who are dressed appropriately will be able to focus on their academic responsibilities with as little distraction as possible during the school day.

The purpose of our dress code is to promote a good academic environment, maintain discipline and prevent disruption of the educational process. While the Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming may be a choice of personal style and individual taste, any type of dress or hairstyle that is substantially disruptive, distracting, unsanitary or unsafe is prohibited.

1. Students may wear jeans, slacks, shorts that extend past the mid-thigh (mid-thigh is determined as halfway between inseam and knee), gauchos or Capri pants. Holes/distressed areas in any items may not go above mid-thigh. Dresses and skirts must be mid-thigh length even if a student is wearing leggings/tights/shorts/etc.
2. Leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, tights, tight form fitting bottoms, etc. are not permitted to be worn during school hours if all the requirements in criteria #1 are not met.
3. Clothing that draws inappropriate attention to private areas of an individual is not permitted. Example: Words across the buttocks area, patches in private areas, etc.
4. Hats are not to be worn in the school building. Hats and coats must be kept in the student's locker until the end of the school day. Stocking caps/or winter hats and coats may be worn outside the building when weather dictates.
5. Suggestive or double meaning message clothing are prohibited.
6. Pants worn well below the waist (sagging) and exposing undergarments are a safety risk and will be prohibited.
7. Chains posing a safety risk, or a distraction, whether worn on clothing or as jewelry will be prohibited.
8. Shirts and tops should completely cover the back, shoulders, chest, cleavage, and stomach (midriff). Undergarments should not be visible. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, and cropped shirts are examples of unacceptable shirts. Crew neck, collared and T-shirts are examples of permissible shirts.
9. Bandanas or other symbols that may be identified with gangs are prohibited.

10. For safety and health reasons, students are required to wear shoes (flip flops are discouraged).

11. Pajamas and slippers are not allowed to be worn without administrative permission.

12. Clothing, patches, or buttons displaying profane, vulgar or obscene suggestions are prohibited.

13. Buttons and patches that advocate the use of alcohol or illegal drugs are not allowed.

Consequences for Dress Code Violation:

1st Offense - Redirection, see about anything else to change into, and documented

2nd Offense - Redirection, see about anything else to change into, and documented

3rd Offense - 1 after school detention

4th Offense - 3 after school detentions

5th Offense - 3 days ISS