

On 5/22/12 1:06 PM, "Ken Dauber" wrote:

Dear Trustees of the Board of Education,

I have gathered in conversations with some of you, heard a hint from Kevin Skelly yesterday, and then confirmed in a conversation with Charles Young today that district staff have sent you communications that essentially argue that I, at least, and perhaps others in We Can Do Better have have directed inappropriate comments to staff.

Since I haven't received any requests from district staff to alter the tone or content of our interactions (to the contrary, I have a number of emails from Charles Young encouraging frankness), I'm puzzled by this. I would hate to believe that our school district employees believe that it is an appropriate use of staff time to complain to Board members about members of the public. What legitimate Board policy concern could such communications possibly be relevant to?

It would be highly inappropriate if staff are attempting to discredit members of the public, engaged in public advocacy on public issues, to Board members through yet more private communications. I'm certain that smear campaigns have no place in our community's discourse, much less in private Board communications.

Please immediately send me all communications with PAUSD staff sent between May 1 and today that mention me, Michele Dauber, or any other members of We Can Do Better Palo Alto identified as such. You can consider this a request under the Public Records Act. I made a similar request to Charles Young this morning. He has not yet responded, despite promising that he would do so promptly. I would like to clear this up as soon as possible, for obvious reasons. Please respond before tonight's Board meeting, as this is an issue I would like to address publicly if necessary.

Best regards,  
Ken Dauber