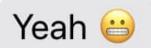
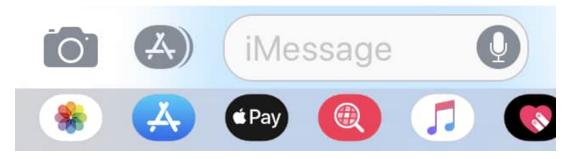


Tracie >



I'm glad I saw it and responded.

I'm glad you did too. I see another has too. But, it was screen shotted and shared on FB now by a VPS employee (Bethany Rivard is friends with her and Bethany saw it and sent it to me).







Tracie >

Can you still see
Marks tweet? I
believe he changed
his settings to
private since last
night, I can't see it
any more.

No. I did take a screenshot of it.

Sunday 1:07 PM

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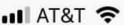












4:08 PM





Tracie >

Sunday 1:07 PM

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Finally, I also have had people asking how will Director Stoker be held accountable? Will he be disciplined? Will he be required to make amends or apologies? There have been calls made on social media asking people to email the superintendent to somehow bring him to task. In truth, the superintendent has no authority over school board directors. It is, in fact, the other way around. The only authority Mark Stoker is accountable to is his constituency. People are, of course, free to email the superintendent or myself and the other board members. They will get a sympathetic response from those of us who were also disgusted by Director Stoker's comments. However, the only authority who can make Director Stoker accountable for his words are the voters.

Well done!

That was Wendy's post!





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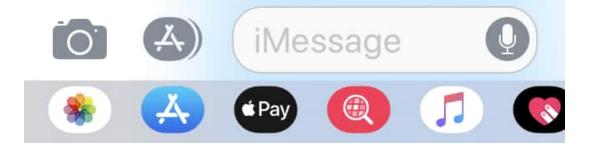
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Ok I wasn't sure if you saw her name at the top. He's commented that he didn't intend that (someone shared to the good citizens page)

Monday 3:50 PM



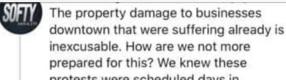


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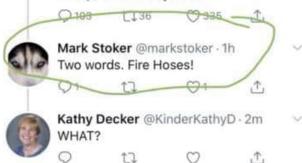




Jeni>



protests were scheduled days in advance. We knew people with alterior motives would try and show up and disrupt it. And they have.



What the FUUUUUUCK?

Yea, I just left the last part of my formal response. Although I thought it.





















That MUST be addressed.



I dont follow him. If I did I would respond, "Do you mean like this?"

No one can follow him anymore. He









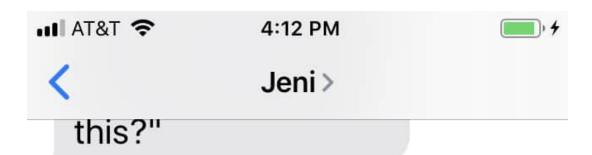












No one can follow him anymore. He went private sometime during the evening.

Is someone doing something about this?

Monday 2:20 PM











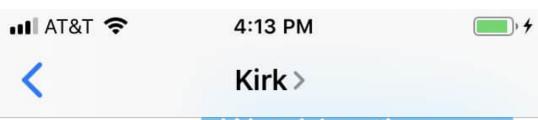












Watching the game? Or taping?

Monday 10:44 AM

"What?" Well said. You proved it doesn't take a fire hose to make a point. Thank you. -Kirk

You are sincerely welcome. Silence is not an option.

Delivered





iMessage

















Heather >

Any ideas for a person of color for the board?

Lindsey Luis is my 1-3 choice. Any chance we'll have a vacancy?

The board can only respond to his comments. Because he's elected the voters have to remove him. It's like if a Senator goes















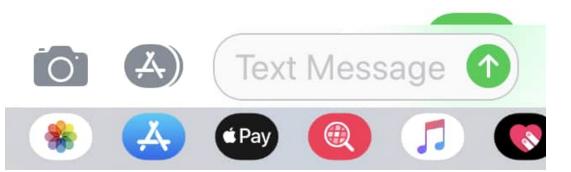






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I just wondered if you heard anything about him considering stepping down. Not necessarily b/c of this but b/c he's miserable w/o the majority.



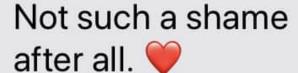


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Damn shame.





























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Kathy Decker @K... · 5/30/20 Replying to @markstoker and @Softykjr

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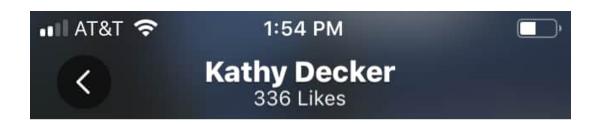












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> and our teachers have to buy their own pencils?

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Katie 'Flatten the C... • 5d ~ I was going to tweet a gross email I received from someone today about the resignation of Mark Stoker, but nah. Now isn't the time to elevate the garbage in my inbox.

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Katie 'Flatten the C... ♦ 5d ∨ I'LL DIE ON IT.



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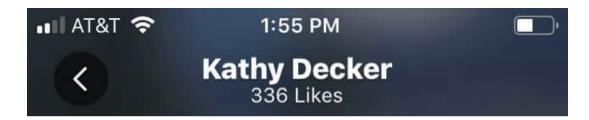
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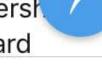
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Tamara Shoup @T... · 5/31
In the absence of leadersh
others must step forward















Scott Morrison @scom... · 6d Note to self: If my Black students and colleagues are just now seeing me stand up and hearing me speak out, then I have been part of the pro-Right now is the easiest tinbe an ally. Am I ready to stand



















Diana Avalos...





Active 7m ago

MAY 31, 10:34 AM

Hi Kathy
It was brought to my
attention from a
concern community
member Mark Stoker
comment on Twitter
I am also incredibly
angered by his
comment



Yes, it was quite disturbing, which is why I commented on it.



Corrective action?

















Corrective action?

I'm going to email
Dr.Webb and Mark
today. Unless the
community speaks
loudly on this issue, I
fear there will be no
corrective action.

I will comment on Twitter as well

Please let me know how to support the community



















1:57 PM







Melissa Berg...





Active 4h ago

JUN 01, 7:38 PM

Thank you! Thank you for calling him out! so thankful I voted for you and all the awesome ladies on school board.



JUN 01, 8:00 PM

Would love to meet you sometime! You are at King?

I'd love to meet you too. I am! I was in Kinder like you (10 yrs), but I'm excited for



















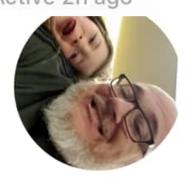




Ben Jatos Active 2h ago







Ben Jatos

You're friends on Facebook Lives in Vancouver, Washington

MAY 30, 11:17 PM



Thank you for replying to Stoker.

Of course. Silence is NOT an option.



I agree and I really appreciate that.





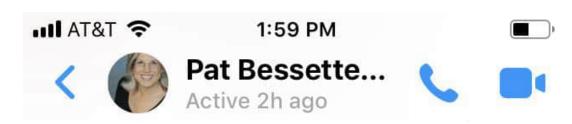












Would you share what Mark Stoker tweeted? Concerned for board and how it reflects on VPS. Thanks



MAY 31, 4:13 PM





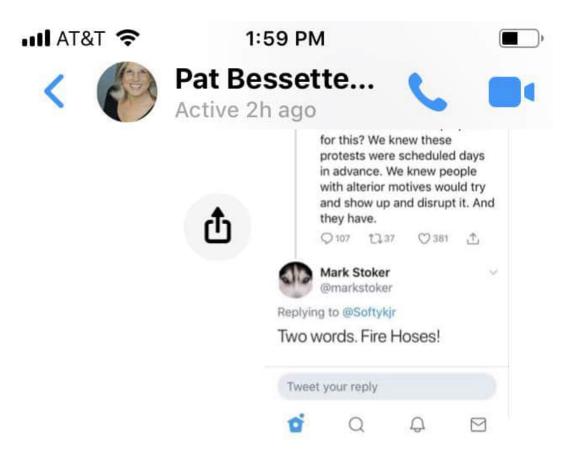












JUN 01, 1:15 PM

Thanks, also read on line Columbian article! So disappointing and wonder what repercussions it will have. Like there's not enough going on right now















Kathy Decker liked <u>Lisa</u>
<u>Dobyns</u>
<u>Graham's comment.</u>
<u>Jun 1, 2020, 10:49 PM</u>

That needed to

happen. I'm sorry, this must be hard on you and the whole Board. But our nation and school district has too many people hurting and angry right now to tolerate something that inflammatory. Glad he heard the many voices of outrage!





Kathy Decker

Monday at 2:18 PM · 👫

Let the healing begin.



VANSD.ORG

Board director resigns from Vancouver Public Schools









Allison Newson and 35 others



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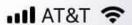












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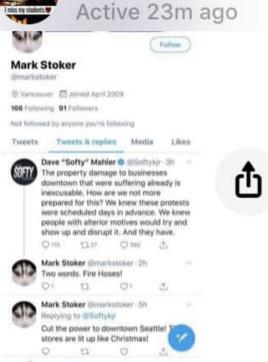




Bethany Riva...







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I wrestled a little bit with replying to it but then realized that not replying was as good as condoning. I'm not sure I'm going to get any sleep tonight, I am so sickened.















2:00 PM







Bethany Riva...

Active 23m ago



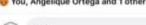


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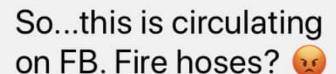












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Yep, on Twitter. He has since deleted it.
Fortunately, someone else saw it before it was deleted.



















Vera Perez

Sunday at 2:36 PM · 🞎

Thank you from a grateful teacher and glad to know you have the integrity to call them out, shame on him.



Kyle Sproul, VPS School **Board**

Sunday at 2:15 PM · 🕙

I woke up to a barrage of messages this morning alerting me that a fellow VPS School Director made a racist comment on Twitter in response to the protests in Portland. I am incredibly disheartened to learn that one of my VPS School Director colleagues elected to guide policy decisions in our public schools - chose to



Write a comment... (GIF)

















in our public schools - chose to make an insensitive and offensive statement.

After such a tragic week, with pain and devastation spread across our nation, our communities are hurting. I have personally been struggling to process the week's events. I have been reading and learning and discussing about racism, but have struggled to put my thoughts into words. The news of Mark Stoker's tweet stung and it also served as a wake-up call. We cannot stay silent in the face of racism, we must confront it and voice our disapproval.

If this has hurt or offended you as



Write a comment... (GIF)



















well, then I hope you will share your feelings with VPS School Directors. We are elected to serve our community; that starts by hearing your concerns.

Many have asked how Mr. Stoker can be held accountable for his words. YOU, the voters, hold the ultimate power. Make your voice heard with your ballot!

wendy.smith@vansd.org kathy.decker@vansd.org tracie.barrows@vansd.org kyle.sproul@vansd.org mark.stoker@vansd.org



Like







Write a comment... (CIF)

















Yes to our school board members who spoke up against Mr. Stoker!!!! So proud to have voted for you Miss Kathy Decker



COLUMBIAN.COM

Vancouver school board member apologizes for urging 'fire hoses' at...





Like Comment A Share







Write a comment... (GIF)





















Melissa Bergmann



Melissa Bergmann

June 1 at 4:59 PM · 🕙

⚠ Thank you all for amplifying my words and sharing my posts. I hope now the VPS school board will appoint a Black, Brown or Indigenous member



Board director resigns from Vancouver Public Schools

Dear VPS employees:

Mark Stoker, a member of the VPS board of directors since 2007, has resigned his position, effective immediately, in response to concerns about comments he made on his personal social media account.

As reported yesterday in an <u>article</u> by *The Columbian* newspaper. Stoker apologized publicly for those















and hold others accountable

5d Like Reply





Kathy Decker Please encourage POC to apply for the seat once we start the process!!!

Like Reply 4d





Melissa Bergmann Kathy Decker Adam Aguilera I hope you apply 🙏

4d Like Reply





Write a reply...



Write a comment... (GIF)

















Jeanne Ronen < jeannemdr@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 11:49 AM (11 days ago)

to me, kathydecker4ourschools

Hi Kathy,

I'm not even sure if this is still your email address.

I wanted to thank you for speaking up about VPS board member's twitter comments. I'm so glad you're one of our board members!

I hope you and your family are healthy and staying safe. Is Abby still on the east coast? Sara is home from Western doing online learning. She has less than 2 years left to complete her teacher's certification. I've been busy with distance learning for my third graders. It's been a very challenging and strange experience.

Again, thank you so much for speaking out. You are appreciated!

Warmly, Jeanne Ronen

Kathy Decker <kathyadecker@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2:35 PM (11 days ago)

to Jeanne

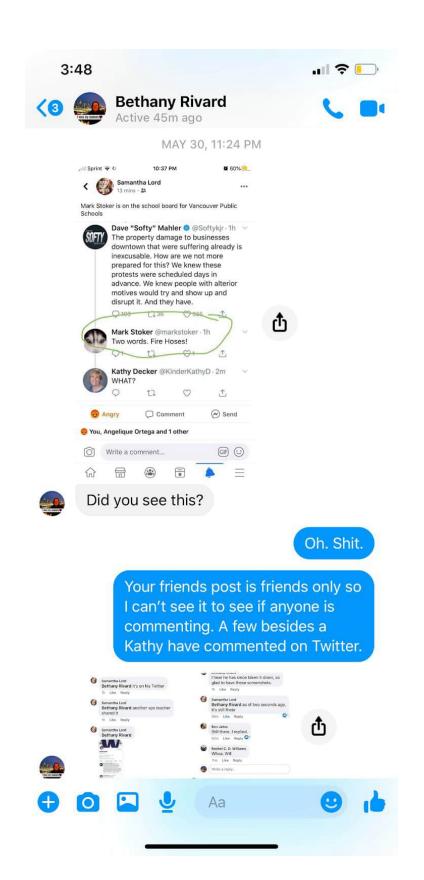
Yes! This is still my email. I appreciate your gratitude, but honestly: Silence is never an option. It is an honor serving this community...the WHOLE community.

Abbi has been home from North Carolina for a month. She's going to return to her apartment in a few weeks ⊗. She has one more year until she becomes a teacher ♥.

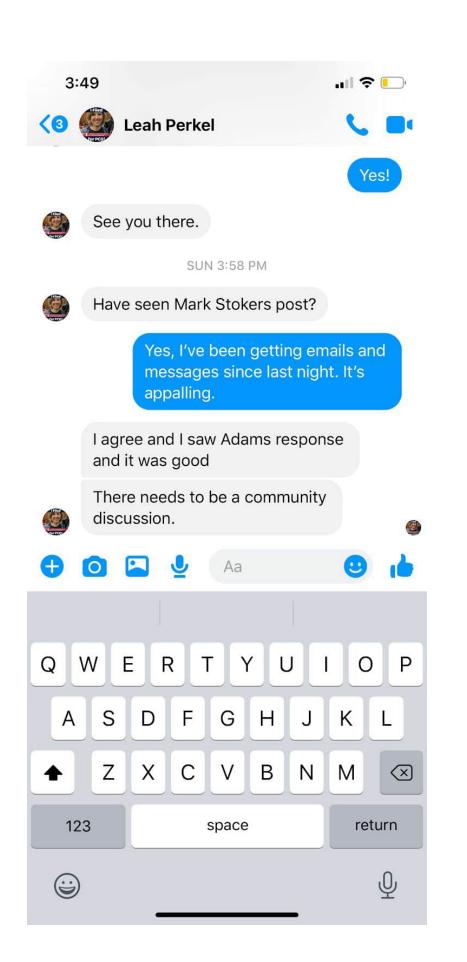
Glad to hear that your family is doing well. It's such a difficult time for so many people.

Thanks again for your kind words!

-Blessings













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Jennifer Patton

You're friends on Facebook Lives in Portland, Oregon

SUN 4:14 PM

Tracie,

I am reaching out to you because I feel like I just got sucker punched in my heart. I'm sure by now you have seen this:



















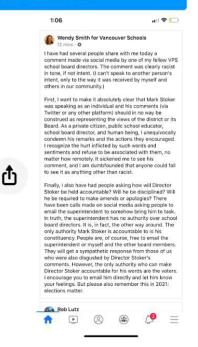
Comments made by Mark Stoker about those protesting in Seattle



And I am heart broken

Yes. I've been messaged and forwarded it multiple times, and it's going around social media. It's appalling.

Our board president Wendy made a public statement today on FB on behalf of the rest of us.



I will be at Harney next year; a school with a very high ELL











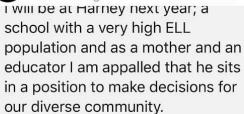






Jennifer Patton







I'd encourage you to write to him and express your concerns. You are welcome to cc the superintendent and/or any other board members, but we do not have authority to "fire" him.

Thank you for sharing Wendy's response. The nation at large is so raw right now and I literally burst into tears reading his tweet



But he is up for re-election next November too.

Agreed. It's disheartening.

I will definitely vote! It's kinda scary that there is seemingly no accountability for board members actions.



Thank you for your quick response. I knew I cast my vote for you correctly **6**









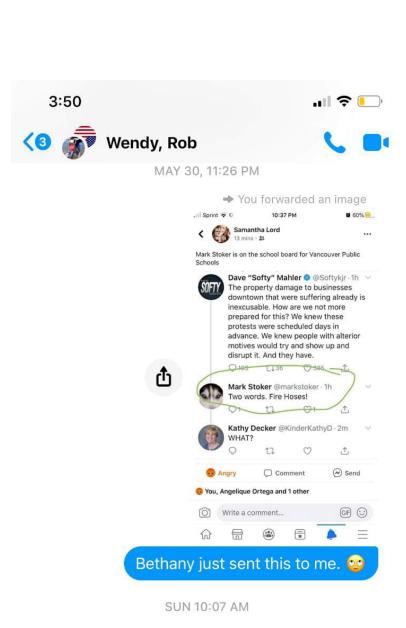












Wendy

She sent it to me too. (And Kathy too.) Sadly, this is not surprising. It fits his character completely. Privilege is his defining characteristic.



Rob

It's a good thing elections are regular and often.





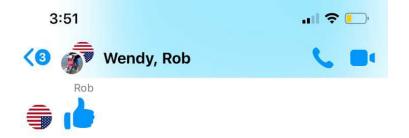












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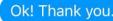
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SUN 4:35 PM

Wendy

It was intended to be my own personal statement. I never would presume to speak for the whole board without explicit direction from you guys. Kyle posted something for herself, Kathy shared my post. Whether and what you should post (or not, if that's what you choose) is entirely to you.























I went to twitter and his settings are private now. (They were public last night when I checked it out for myself). Yikes.

SUN 1:17 PM

Well written post, thank you! (There's a reason why you are our president!)



SUN 4:05 PM

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SUN 4:35 PM

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SUN 2:11 PM

Hey Tracie! I read that one of the school board members made some racist remarks. I don't know what they were but I would like to send him an email as a VPS parent. Is there any way I can be directed to the remarks? Also, how do I find out how minority students are served in VPS?



I have the screen shots, I can share then with you. It was also posted (someone shared it to) in a public FB page, I'll try to find the link







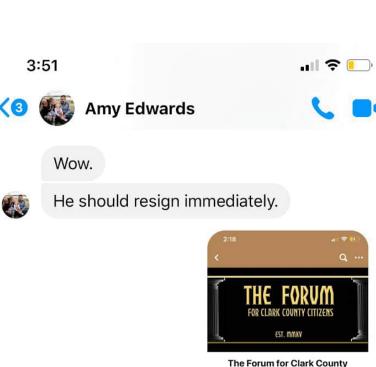








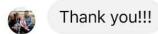






If you search for this group, several people have shared the pics to it

You don't have to join the group to see posts



Mark has replied to a few comments. But mostly, "I'm sorry

















Also Wendy Smith, our current board president (and teacher at Heritage) issued a statement about it.

Her statement is what brought my attention to it. This is completely unacceptable and has no place in a position of leadership and power of a district that serves minority students. I'll be emailing asking him to resign.



















SUN 6:49 PM

Your email is GOOD!

I've probably gotten 50+ today. Those are just the ones I am cc'd on too.

SUN 7:18 PM

Thank you. I tried to be thoughtful but firm. I hope he gets enough pressure to resign. He can't do his job effectively anymore.



He has a generic response that he sends to everyone.

Even if unintentional, the impact it has on us as a district, moving forward as a whole, basically he hinders us from doing that. It would be for the greater good, even if he doesn't want to, to resign. To stay on at this point is basically selfish.







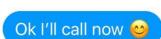








best time.



MON 9:40 AM

that, after 4:30 is probably the

Mr Stoker,

I spent my time yesterday and today reading the many emails of concerned parents, teachers, and citizens regarding your words over this post weekend. I want to now email you to express my own concerns.

Your words were racist. Whether you intended them to be, whether they reflect deeper biases or prejudices you have, I do not know. But the words you posted on social media were racist in nature. They triggered immediate, negative responses from our community with their historical context. I hope that you use this situation to reflect, learn, and grow, and to examine your own privilege. However, I do not believe that your time of learning and growth can happen while also leading this district and making decisions for our students, staff, and community. Vancouver Public Schools needs to move forward from this with direct, clear actions to promote anti-racism.

Racism has no place on our school board dias. Racism has no place within Vancouver Public Schools leadership, or within the walls of our buildings.

Racism has no place in our community.

As a fellow board director, as a leader in



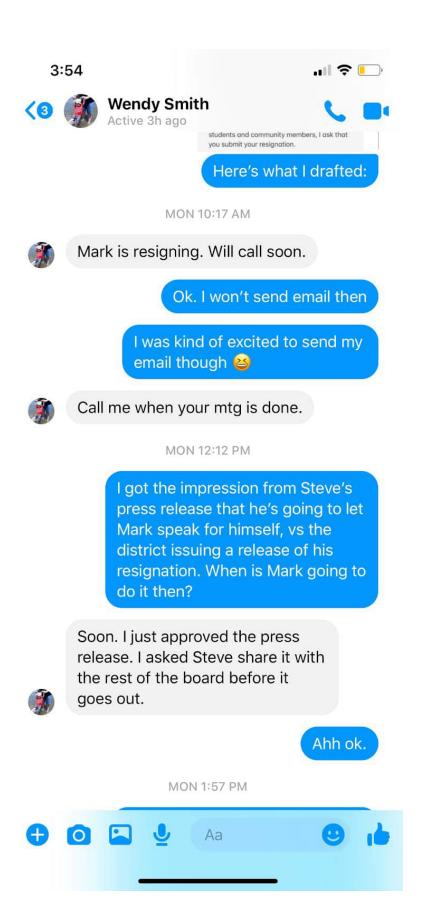














MON 1:57 PM



TUE 7:28 AM

Sent you this text but not sure if you got it, I dont respond to texts sometimes but Bethany invited me to a book study/group, it's a Facebook group of Vancouver Educators for Anti-racism. They





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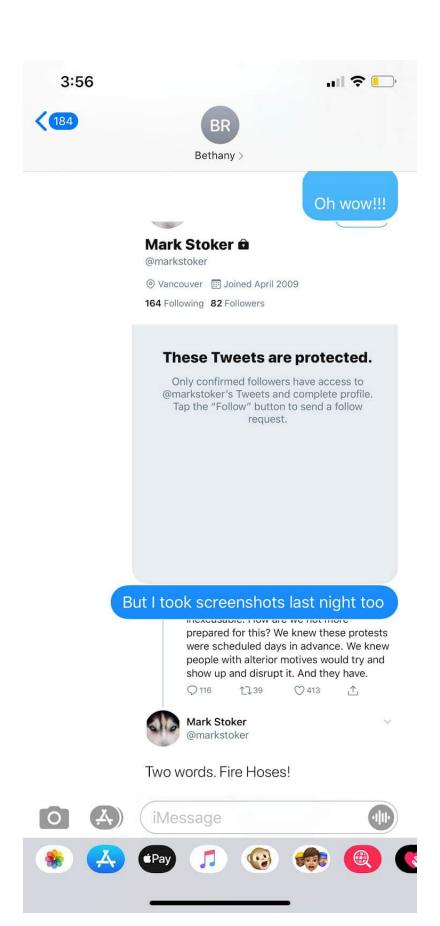


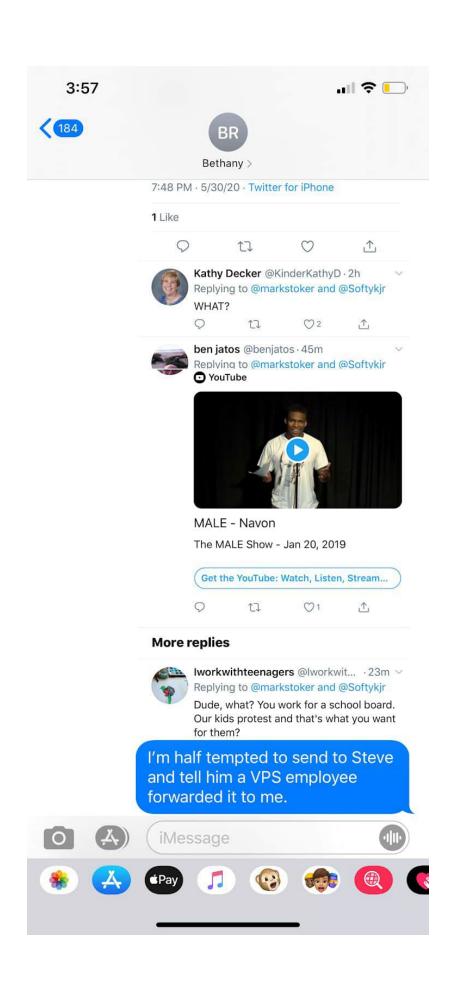




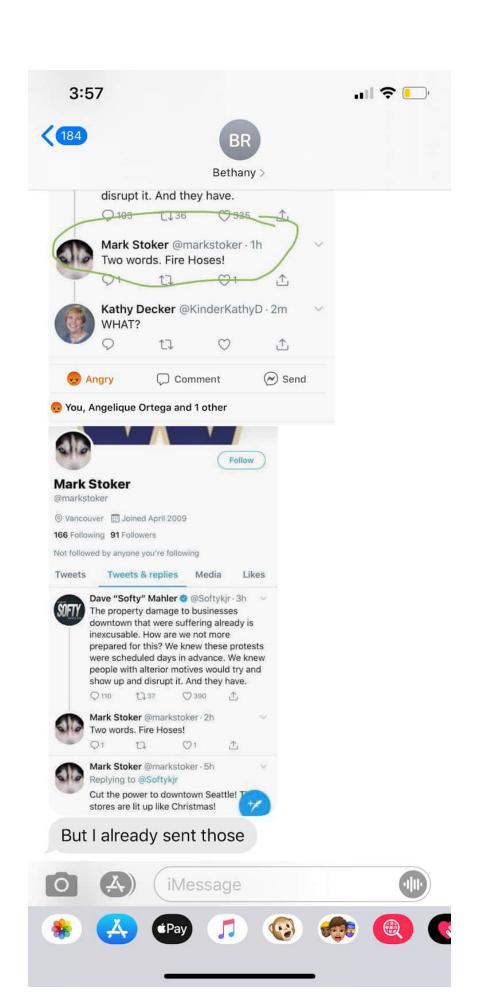


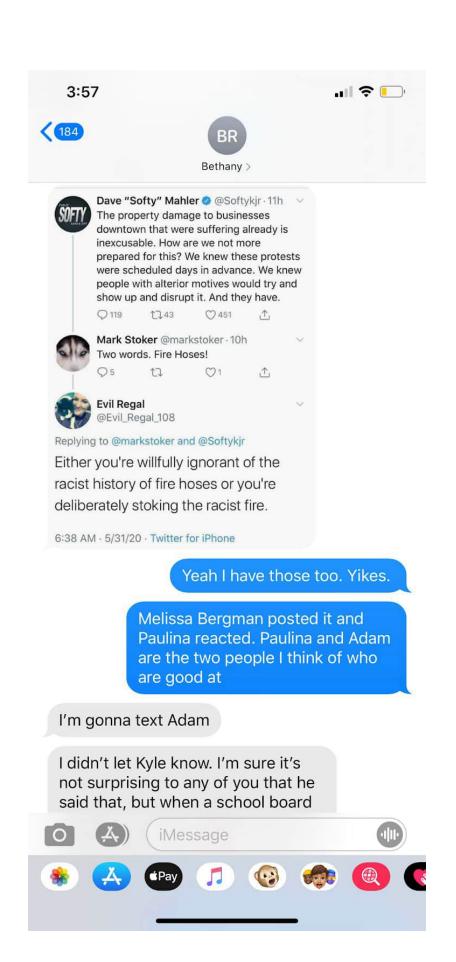


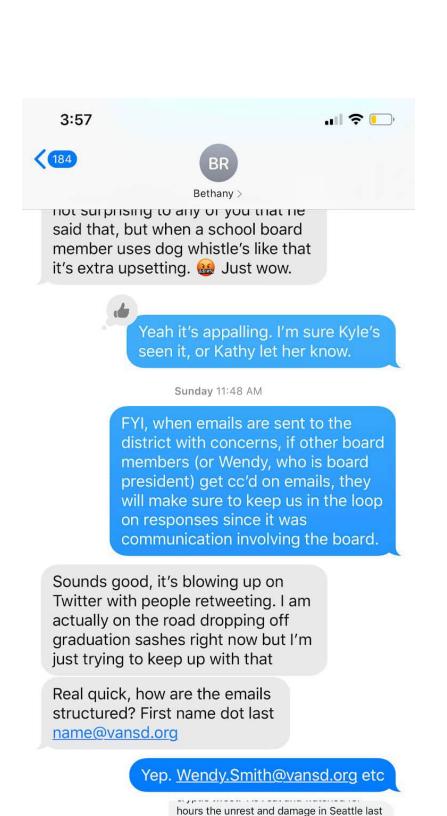












night, I was increasingly frustrated by the

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