

Here are some correspondence letters I had with Dpac and Delta access coordinator of Homequest which I put my son into after I pulled him from public school. I also included the transcript of the letter I read at the school board meeting when they all told me to stop talking. All correspondents were signed in my husband's last name for clarity with my son. The letter below is to the Delta DPAC for which I was given no response. I went to the following DPAC meeting to discuss my letter to discover they had indeed read my letter but had refused to acknowledge my concerns. I was also shut down by the School Trustee at that meeting as he didn't want me to talk about the inappropriate books with other parents present. I hope this can be of some help. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,  
Alisa Horth

Dear Allison McCallum,

I'm writing to you regarding inappropriate books that are in our school library at Delta Secondary. Last year, my son was required to read, "Little Brother", by Cory Doctorow for grade 9 English with Delta access learning. He didn't want to read the book and said it was dirty with foul language. I read the book and was shocked at how crass, foul-mouthed and mature it was. Not only that, it was poorly written and challenging reading. I wrote to the Delta Access principal and the superintendent about this adult literature and have yet to receive any useful feedback. I was told by the trustees that they don't deal with literature and discovered that the superintendent and assistant superintendent along with the principal are responsible for the screening, quality and safety of the reading material in our libraries. I was assured that all reading material passed educational standards by the assistant superintendent. However, I beg to differ about acceptable standards, and as a parent, I would not permit my son to finish this dirty book. I have included more details regarding the original letter I sent to the principal and the superintendent. I have also included other inappropriate books I have since found in our Delta secondary library. I would appreciate it if you could have a look at some of the books that I have flagged and sincerely hope that parents share my concerns. It takes a village to raise a child and we all have to step up to protect our children's futures. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A Grant

The letter below was sent to the coordinator principal for Delta homequest after I removed my son from public school.

Ted Johnson did not respond to me until I wrote a letter to Trustees about my same concern.

Attention: School Trustees

November 10/2022

I am writing this in regards to educational material that was chosen for my son's Grade 9 English class last year. I wanted to address my concerns that have fallen on deaf ears last July, even though my understanding was that if a parent had concerns, the first protocol was to contact the school. I pulled my son from Delta Secondary last year for multiple reasons mostly regarding excessive propaganda and his lack of learning. I am presently homeschooling him but still following the online curriculum that is being offered to me through home quest entitled, Delta Access Learns. My assumption was that the curriculum would be better and online access would make it easier for review and study. Last year, I had been working with Ted Johnson, the principal coordinator for the online program and had sent him a few emails with previous concerns regarding inappropriate gym material. Although, he showed some concern at the time, I have no way of knowing if anything was done about it or if it was addressed to the program coordinators. My son is now enrolled in grade 10 Delta Access learns and it is now being coordinated by Bill Tereposky. I spoke to him once this year regarding sign up and asked him about my previous letter and my concerns regarding soft porn literature and graphic sexual gym material in the online gym course. He showed little concern about the content I was referencing and casually asked about the book I was referring to. I asked him if this material was chosen and he assured me all materials were approved for the BC curriculum. He claimed he would look into it but like Ted Johnson, I have no way of knowing if any of my concerns were met and there was no follow up letter to address my concerns. At this point, I have decided to contact the school board along with the Delta Secondary liaison police officer regarding explicit porn that is being given to children as acceptable and pre-approved required reading material. No child should be forced to read this material. It is disgusting and unacceptable that teachers are not vigilant and taking care of our kids. This is a world wide problem that needs to be addressed now or you're going to see more and more parents pulling their kids from schools because administrators, teachers and trustees are not doing their job and ensuring our children are safe from harms way. Take care of our kids NOW!

Sincerely,

Mrs. A Grant

Here is the transcript of letter I presented at the school board meeting where they cut me off and told me to stop talking.

My name is Mrs. Grant and my question is in relation to item #4, #7, and #8 regarding the budget for 2023/2024 and decreased enrolment. Revenue has greatly decreased because more and more parents are pulling their kids out of public school due to poor educational resources which are no longer safe for our kids. I have addressed my concerns regarding inappropriate books to the trustees, superintendent, principal and police liaison and they have all chosen to ignore my concerns claiming they have been approved through the FER (Focused education resources) run solely by the BCFT. I have spoken with the assistant superintendent and have been assured these books have been approved, however, there is no list of safety standards made available for what constitutes safe.

One example of an approved book through (FER) is, " It's perfectly normal" for ages 10 and up. It talks about masturbation, anal, vaginal and oral sex accompanied by graphic cartoons of couples engaged in sexual activity and some of whom appear to be underage.

I emailed several of the new trustees regarding this issue and rather than looking into my concerns, they directed my letter back to the superintendent and the PAC. The assistant superintendent has directed me to the FER website and there are no criteria listed there for safety standards or age appropriateness for books.

More recently, I have sent a letter to the PAC regarding inappropriate books in the Delta Secondary library. These books have extremely foul language and portray violence with descriptions of rape and even incest.

A book called, "Milk and Honey", by Rupi Kaur, is banned in some States for describing a graphic, violent rape seen with her uncle as a girl. Why do children need to read about graphic rape scenes?

Another book at Delta Secondary is called, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. Even Google describes this book as inappropriate for under 18 years because "it is dark and disturbing and has graphic descriptions of child rape and pedophilia"

Why should kids be encouraged to read a book about child rape? What is the intent?

Another book I'd like to address available at Delta Secondary is, "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. This book is total filth, degrading, racist, promotes drugs, foul language, inappropriate behaviour and violence. Why would we want our children to read this book? This is the number of inappropriate words listed in the book:

14 bitches  
97 fucks  
32 sexes  
102 kills  
9 niggas  
61 drugs  
7 assholes

Another book available at Delta Secondary is "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls. It describes sexual assault, extreme violence, bigotry, child abuse, alcohol and drug use.

Finally, the award-winning book, "The Bluest Eye", by Toni Morrison is also available at Delta Secondary. It is flagged for sexual content and child sex abuse.

" His mouth is under my chin. ...I stretch my legs open, and he is on top of me. Too heavy to hold, and too light not to. He puts his thing in me. In me, In me. I wrap my feet around his back so he can't get away. "

This scene describes a father raping his daughter.

Let me remind you that, as trustees, you took an oath of office when you assumed your role that binds you to work diligently and faithfully in the cause of public education. You are also all elected officials,

“accountable to the public for the collective decisions of the Board, and for the delivery and quality of educational services. A trustee must serve the community as an elected representative.” Under the Delta School Board District performance guide, you must

- Make informed decisions that consider community values and represent interests of the entire District
- Establish processes and provide opportunities for focus community input
- Promote school programs, needs and desires to the community
- Model a culture of respect and integrity

I see no accountability or transparency, no diligence and faithfulness to the community and no culture of respect and integrity.

There are clearly no checks and balances on what is considered safe and appropriate for our children. When will these inappropriate, harmful books be investigated and action taken to remove them?