From:Kevin Collins-BrownTo:Bill Clevenger; Rochelle ClarkSubject:clarification on voiced concernDate:Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:53:54 PM

Hello, Bill,

I wanted to email you as a follow up to our conversation tonight during the board meeting. I was referencing the phone call you made to me last Wednesday evening telling me to vote no if the DEA proposal of a TA in the third grade at Parsons came to a vote. You also told me it is imperative I always support Dr. Clark in all decisions and by siding with DEA I am undermining her. I find this unethical and bordering on intimidation. Just so you are aware, my sole purpose of being on this board is to help ALL teachers, TAs, support staff, etc., provide the BEST education for each and every student in this district. I think it would be beneficial to add the TA for the Parsons teacher, if for no other reason than to be a pilot program on ways to close any gaps left by COVID. I believe the data to be accurate and troublesome. I also believe in the freedom to decide for myself.

I ran for the school board for several reasons and one of those was the previous board members were perceived to be bullies, both to stakeholders and other board members. Your actions are becoming more and more like that, in my opinion. Every time one of us votes against you or Admin., you feel the need to scold us or justify why we might have voted the way we did. The majority wins the vote, and it is OK to not be unanimous. So, in the future, if you are going to call me about upcoming topics on the agenda, I would appreciate the facts only, and not be told how to vote. Thank you.

Dr. Kevin Collins-Brown

From: Jason Dion
To: Melissa Bradford

Subject: Fwd: K-2 Teaching assistants and Toileting **Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:45:15 AM

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Subject:K-2 Teaching assistants and Toileting **Date:**Tue, 24 Oct 2023 16:33:06 +0000

From: Melody Wilkinson <a href="mailto:stodnmel@gm

To: Jason Dion < JDion@dps61.org>

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From: <u>Jason Dion</u>
To: <u>Melissa Bradford</u>

Subject: Fwd: K-2 Teaching assistants and Toileting **Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:49:55 AM

I understand adding it to the job description is not the same as adding it to the contract. Can we get clarification on "Administration is claiming that this would just be those appointed"? Who is appointed, and how do they know?

Jason

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From: Jason Dion

To: Melissa Bradford

Subject: Fwd: TA contract

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 2:32:02 PM

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Subject: TA contract

Date:Tue, 24 Oct 2023 17:36:42 +0000

From:Kiona Waldrop < KJWaldrop@dps61.org >

To:Bill Clevenger <u><BClevenger@dps61.org></u>, Jason Dion <u><JDion@dps61.org></u>, Alana Banks <u><ABanks@dps61.org></u>, Kevin Collins-Brown <u><KCollins-Brown@dps61.org></u>, Mark Reynolds <u><mareynolds@dps61.org></u>, Al Scheider <u><AScheider@dps61.org></u>,

Will Wetzel wwetzel@dps61.org
<a href="mailto:CC:Ashley Dugger ASDugger@dps61.org

Hello!

My name is Kiona Waldrop and I am a 1st grade teaching assistant at Johns Hill. I wanted to share my concern about the language used in our contract form that is up for approval at tonight's meeting.

We originally agreed that toileting assistance would be voluntary and those trained would receive extra pay. However, looking at the form (which I've included) it says it will be added to all TAs job duties. If I could, please get clarification that it will ONLY apply to those who VOLUNTEER and not be required of all TAs (now or in the future). Thanks so much!

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From: Jason Dion
To: Melissa Bradford
Subject: IASB Conference

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:52:47 AM

Melissa,

Do you know if any additional after hours event invitations have been extended to the attendees of the IASB conference in November - similar to the invitation from BLDD?

Jason

From: Mark Reynolds To:

Melissa Bradford Wednesday, October 25, 2023 4:08:48 PM Date:

I would like tickets to both Boys and Girls Club and Thanksgiving event. Just for myself.

Get Outlook for iOS

From: Kevin Collins-Brown
To: Karen Lauritzen

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Millikin University Class Visit Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:33:00 PM

I should know by the end of the week about that date of 11/8/23. Let me check and definitely confirm a yes or no with you.

From: Karen Lauritzen <klauritzen@millikin.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:09 AM

To: Kevin Collins-Brown < KCollins-Brown@dps61.org > **Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Millikin University Class Visit

Dear Mr. Collins-Brown,

Pronouns: she, her, hers

I understand that most university courses are in the middle of the workday, and that is not ideal. I appreciate your willingness to think about it!

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From: Kevin Collins-Brown < KCollins-Brown@dps61.org>

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 7:16 PM **To:** Karen Lauritzen klauritzen@millikin.edu

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Millikin University Class Visit

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I typically work until 5pm M-F. I'll see if I can rearrange my schedule and get back to you.

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To: Bill Clevenger < BClevenger@dps61.org; Jason Dion < JDion@dps61.org; Alana Banks < ABanks@dps61.org; Kevin Collins-Brown@dps61.org; Mark Reynolds < mareynolds@dps61.org; aschneider@dps61.org; Will Wetzel < wwetzel@dps61.org>

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From: To: Alana Banks

Subject: Re: INVITE: Decatur's Annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheo

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 3:48:26 PM

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I would like to attend

Thanks

From: Melissa Bradford <MBradford@dps61.org>
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 3:34 PM
To: DPS61 Board of Education <BOE@dps61.org>

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To: Melody Wilkinson

Subject: RE: K-2 Teaching assistants and toileting **Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:31:00 PM

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From: Alana Banks
To: todnmel@gmail.com

Subject: Re: K-2 Teaching assistants and toileting **Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4:11:00 PM

Greetings.

I believe I was told that this is a State of Illinois Issue, not just a DPS 61. I don't believe that

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From: Alana Banks
To: Hays, Emily

Subject: Re: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 3:32:52 PM

I would love to!!

What dates do you have in mind?

Alana

From: Hays, Emily <ehays3@illinois.edu>

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 3:02 PM

To: Alana Banks < ABanks@dps61.org>

Subject: RE: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Hi, Alana! I'm sure you've been really busy and I appreciate your patience. What do you think about doing an in-person interview, reflecting on your two years on the school board?

Hope you're well, Emily

Emily Hays

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Reporter, Illinois Public Media

Work: 217.333.5073 Cell: 434.465.1950

IllinoisNewsroom.org and will.illinois.edu



From: Hays, Emily

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 3:34 PM **To:** Alana Banks <ABanks@dps61.org>

Subject: RE: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Hi, Alana,

I have another request – would you be interested in doing an interview about yourself? I would love to profile you, talk about how your tenure on the school board has been, a little bit more about your backstory and your nonprofit. Would you be open to that next week? That's why I was hoping I could

you in action at the teacher training or at your nonprofit, but I realized an in-person interview would work just as well. What do you think?

I can make time Tuesday before or after the school board meeting, or Thursday or Friday.

Thank you for all your help so far, Emily

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From: Hays, Emily

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 5:22 PM

To: Alana Banks < ABanks@dps61.org >

Subject: RE: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Thanks so much! Hope you're well.

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From: Alana Banks < <u>ABanks@dps61.org</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 4:51 PM

To: Hays, Emily < ehays3@illinois.edu>

Subject: Re: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

zelda.tindell05@gmail.com

So sorry for the delay!

Alana

From: Hays, Emily < ehays3@illinois.edu>

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:38 PM

To: Alana Banks < ABanks@dps61.org>

Subject: RE: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Hi, Alana,

Hope you're doing well this week! Would you be able to send me contact information for Zelda Zarkana? I'm really looking forward to talking with her.

All the best, Emily

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From: Hays, Emily

Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 4:41 PM **To:** Alana Banks < <u>ABanks@dps61.org</u>>

Subject: RE: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Thank you for responding so quickly again. I would love contact information for Zelda Zarkana.

I am really excited to cover Lorde-Rustin Home. Would you have any interest in doing an in-person interview this month about it and reflections on your work for trans youth? If you are currently sheltering any young people, I would love to interview them — anonymously if need be. If there is any construction happening, it would be awesome to visit to get some pictures and drill/hammering/saw sounds. Monday afternoon, Tuesday or the following week would be great times for me if you happen to be available.

Best wishes, Emily

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From: Alana Banks <<u>ABanks@dps61.org</u>>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Hays, Emily <<u>ehays3@illinois.edu</u>>

Subject: Re: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Thanks for reaching out!

The official date at the Public Library is November 15. I was told that it should be updated on the public library calendar by tomorrow.

The joint GSA event is a lock-in event it takes place on November 17th, 2023, at the Decatur Boys and Girls Club. I may not be able to attend this event, but it is being led by Zelda Zarkana, who is a Teacher's Assistant with DPS 61. I can give you her contact information if you'd like. She would love to have this coverage. I will likely be at a school board conference taking place November 16-18.

As for my Nonprofit, it is Lorde-Rustin Home. We are re launching our website this weekend, so we'd love to keep you posted!!

I am trying to form together a thanksgiving meal to serve to LGBTQ+ folks and their families just before Thanksgiving. I will keep you posted once the site is back live!

Again, thanks so much!!

Alana

From: Hays, Emily <<u>ehays3@illinois.edu</u>> **Date:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 4:10 PM

To: Alana Banks < ABanks@dps61.org >

Subject: Media Request: IL Protections for Trans Youth

Hi, Alana,

This is Emily from Illinois Public Media. Thanks for all the prompt help related to your teacher training event! Since the date for the teacher training has been moved back, are you doing anything this month related to trans youth that I could follow you to? For example, you mentioned something before about a joint Gay Straight Alliance event in October. I would need to get a few more permissions for that and would be careful about photographs and names of kids.

Another idea, are there any renovations going on for your Lord Rest in Home (spelling?) nonprofit?

Thank you for all your help, Emily

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From: <u>Alana Banks</u>
To: <u>Karen Lauritzen</u>

Subject: Re: Millikin University Class Visit

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4:07:50 PM

Hi Karen!

I would love to attend! I have been readmitted to Millikin University for Spring 2024 and would love to get a feel for what it's like to be back on campus!

Thanks for the invitation!

Alana Banks

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Cc: Ashley Dugger <ASDugger@dps61.org>

Subject: TA contract

Hello!

My name is Kiona Waldrop and I am a 1st grade teaching assistant at Johns Hill. I wanted to share my concern about the language used in our contract form that is up for approval at tonight's meeting. We originally agreed that toileting assistance would be voluntary and those trained would receive extra pay. However, looking at the form (which I've included) it says it will be added to all TAs job duties. If I could, please get clarification that it will ONLY apply to those who VOLUNTEER and not be required of all TAs (now or in the future).

Thanks so much!

Kiona Waldrop

Date: October 24, 2023	Subject: Job Description
Initiated By: Deanne S. Hillman, Interim Director of Human Recourses	Attachments: Job Description: Grades K, 1, 2 Instructional Teaching Assistant
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

Human Resources staff and administrators are updating job descriptions for compliance with state and federal laws, District policies and agreements; and the alignment of the descriptions with the essential duties and expectations of the positions.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The below job description was updated to align the responsibilities and duties with the expectations of the position.

Grades K, 1, 2 Instructional Teaching Assistant

· Added Toileting

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This position is within current budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve this job description as presented.

RE	COMMENDED ACTION:		
X	Approval		
	Information		
	Discussion		
		BOARD ACTION:	

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