

June 15, 2021

Greetings to School Committee Members,

At the five year mark it is crystal clear that Sara Dingley is not fit to continue to be a leader within the Martha's Vineyard School System. We are primarily concerned with the continued failures at MVRHS. We will discuss the teachers, Admin Survey, Covid policies, and the tragic death of [REDACTED]. Ms. Dingley showed complete incompetence through these various issues, and has failed our children and community at every step. Fortunately for Ms. Dingley, she places many people between her and potential blame.

How can the School Committee allow for Ms. Dingley to freely wield various forms of harassment, and abuse upon the staff? Examples: [REDACTED] (retired to the Supt., office for the last 4 months of her career), [REDACTED] (publicly excoriated and forced to resign), J. [REDACTED] (forced to resign), [REDACTED] (lost 40% of salary), [REDACTED] (lost 40% of salary), as Ms. Dingley does not support Business and Computer programs, [REDACTED] (forced to retire mid-year), and [REDACTED] (forced to retire early). Many veteran teachers were not even given a proper celebration at the end of their long and valued careers. Very sad. Having a conversation with [REDACTED] would be very interesting.

Publish the Admin Surveys from staff 2018-2020. Ask Supt., D'Andrea to show you the results. They are extremely pointed to the leadership qualities of Ms. Dingley. The surveys tell the truth.

Ms. Dingley has always taken a policy of anti-technology, from her first year at MVRHS. Her continued failure to look ahead, brace for the covid disruptions, and make a plan based on student success, has been short-sighted. Her policy of 'wait and see' crushed hundred of students over the past 18 months. She failed this year, and with technology being such an integral part of education from now on, will her plan still be to limit it within MVRHS? More technology, with a remote after-school or hybrid home school program for struggling students. That program could have already helped many of our island students.

Lastly the death of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was a troubled student, as a minority, being adopted, transitioning gender, and dealing with a concoction of mental health issues, he had a very troubling time at MVRHS. Ms. Dingley should have known him better. But, as [REDACTED] was struggling academically, he was told from the Guidance Dept., who was directed from Ms. Dingley to take a hard edge with [REDACTED], that because [REDACTED] had to make up so many failed credits that he was not going to be allowed to take Art and Photography his senior year. That was August of 2019, when he received his class schedule for the year. Days later tragedy struck. Ms. Dingley did not deal with the situation with care and concern, and did not make a plan to find support for [REDACTED]. Obviously Ms. Dingley misjudged the situation. Oddly, Ms. Dingley knew of [REDACTED] and still misjudged his situation. This will all be denied, but it is the truth.

Why has MVRHS failed six times at the MSBA Application? What is going on with the new fields project? Why do committee members not know what needs to be fixed at MVRHS? Why is there not a master plan for MVRHS? Where is the technology staff? Answer: Poor leadership, plain and simple.

Contact teachers, and parents personally, with the anonymity and privacy ensured and you will really hear what goes on at MVRHS. Ms. Dingley is 'hollowing out' MVRHS. Unfortunately, when the community figures that out and accepts to see the truth, it will be too late. She is putting MVRHS back decades. Ms. Dingley needs to move on, not move up, in our system. Ms. Dingley has not earned a position in central office, as we all know that both Mr. Smith and Mr. D'Andrea will be moving on in a few years.

We are prepared to go public with much of this information, MVTimes, Vineyard Gazette, to social media, and associated national cable networks. It is time for the School Committee to allow Ms. Dingley to re-align her career path that leads away from the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools.

Sincerely,
Concerned Parents, Educators, and Community Members