

Suggested Student Talking Points for AEA, Board Members, and Leadership in ANC

Steller is unique – An exception must be made

- Our staff of 16 full-time teachers is a small open optional program
- Every teacher holds critical roles not only as teachers but as community members, who understand, are trained, and buy into the optional philosophy.
- Losing a key faculty member who clearly demonstrates having an understanding of open optional learning would be devastating to me and to our community, greatly affecting the student outcomes of our school.

I feel like I am the client and I am not getting what is best for me. Your system is hurting my education if Lee is forced to leave.

I am wondering if is this about my education encouraging keeping top teaching or is this about you keeping old people here, regardless of proven success?

Personal transformational stories: Share stories about and picture of or your art or bring in your art and hold up work? Share why art was an important outlet in my life...how it saved your life...

This feels like a betrayal

- The message this sends to us when an over the top excellent teacher who gave their all, engaged me in learning, kept me coming to school, has to leave our school...is this what we can expect from the work environment in the future? This doesn't make sense and clearly shows a faulty system.
- The message to me about my future work is that if I do my job really well and go over and above what is in my job "responsibilities", I could get a pink slip at any time.

Do a presentation for what he has done for the school...a website, an acrobalance, show artwork from showings or contests where Lee has encouraged you...

White sheet– develop and make available, as a hand-out for members to hold and take home explaining why this teacher should stay (key messages):

- Excellent, inspiring teacher of art (what every art teacher should be)
- Proven results from students in just one year of teaching
- OVER AND ABOVE THAT

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- Acrobalance– Leads an afterschool athletic club with all we have going on in ASD with obesity
- Excellent commuitcator– started a website to share art experiences and acrobalance– all on his own

Final message:

You are slapping all of us, if after you hear about what a great teacher we have in Lee, how he has affected me and my friends, and you are still willing to let him go...