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Fwd: Notice of Revocation

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Date: Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 6:16 PM
Subject: Notice of Revocation
To: PCM Board <board@mypcm.org>, Dave Schneider <davids@mypcm.org>, Jeneille Branen <jeneilleb@mypcm.org>

PCM Board Members, Dave, & Jeneille

At this point, most of you know most of my story from the last year and a half with PCM. You know that when DJ White and Demond Roberts planned together to destroy this school in retribution for imagined slights, they planned to do so by sexually harassing the staff and parents. You know that as they discussed their options for doing so, they didn't bother rating the sexual appeal of Katie Kendrick and I, because we were the "fat feminists."

I guess that makes me the resident fat lady. And we all know it isn't over until the fat lady sings.

In all seriousness - I'm truly asking you to strongly consider appealing the notice of revocation.

It took a few hours yesterday, and a whole lot of talking to staff members, some board members, and parents to realize that either we are all collectively delusional and just avoiding our grief, or something bigger is at play. I'm not religious anymore, but the level of collective assurance that PCM still isn't over almost seems divine.

I believe we have a case. Christopher Albano and Kimberly Casper are currently going over timelines and the complaints/prr's we have access to for inconsistencies with the Commission Staff's reports to their Commissioners. We also have a solid budget (that may need a tiny bit of tweaking), a great plan, and excellent staff. We know we have what it takes - even if the commissioners didn't get that message quite clearly enough. It was clear they did not want to make the choice they felt forced to make as it was. If we can get a better shot at communicating to them the injustice of this process, I think we might still have our charter.

But I also want us to really get the chance to sit down with the Pullman School District and explore the option of an Alternative Learning Experience with them. We know our model doesn't blend well with a hybrid system, but we haven't had a chance to explain why that simply won't work for us—or why they might want to support us exactly as we are.

There is more than one path still open to us, and the larger community of Whitman County deserves an alternative where kids who might otherwise slip through the cracks become the productive members of society that this county deserves.

I'm not singing yet, my friends. This opera still hasn't reached its final opus.

All my hope,
Elise Albano

PS: Just for reference, if you ever want to know the incredible, convoluted, and intense tale of the real "fat lady," check out "The Dark Queens: The Bloody Rivalry That Forged The Medieval World" by Shelley Puhak.