

Nechama Bendet

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Subject: my account of sequence of events re David Kramer

A senior administrator in the primary school (Rabbi Ash, don't mention name) called me to report that "someone" had called him - he didn't identify the person - to report that David Kramer had molested a primary school student. The caller was not the parent of the victim.

I was shocked and unsure of how to proceed, The primary school administrator who had received the report, suggested that we should call H.Cooper who was the chairman of the School Board and our legal adviser to seek his advice.

H. Cooper instructed that David Kramer should be immediately removed from the classroom and the administrator went to advise David Kramer that he was not to continue teaching. David Kramer never entered a classroom again.

All this took less than an hour. There was no delay in our action. It was immediate and decisive. David Kramer was removed irrevocably so that no students would be at risk and their welfare would be assured.

Whether DK was dismissed, fired or removed was not the issue at the time, nor did it ever become an issue because he did not resume any duties and left the country within a few days.

A group of parents, not necessarily the parents of victims but parent activists, demanded a public meeting and demanded that DK be immediately sent back to Israel. These discussions were conducted between the parents and H. Cooper.

As I recall, a meeting was set but didn't eventuate because DK left the country before it could happen.

The allegation that I put DK's welfare ahead of the students' welfare is completely false and contradicts the fact that he was immediately removed from all duties and that he had no further contact with the students before leaving the country.

Rabbi Groner offered to provide professional counseling to any students affected.

The following may or may not be helpful.

There were 4 people involved with dealing with this whole affair - H. Cooper, Rabbi Groner, myself and P Ash. I am not sure why we did not inform the police. I think that there may have been differences of opinion between us as to what was the best course of action. It may also be because the demand of the parents was not to get the police involved but to get him away from the children as soon as possible. Once he left the country, no one contacted the police.

In hindsight and by today's standards (more than 20 years later) we should have made a police report. However, given the demands of the parents to send him away and other pressures, we acted in a manner that was then thought to be appropriate.