

Community Library Question and Answer Survey

I want to thank everyone who took the time to ask questions as it pertained to the Frazier School District and the Community Library. The district tried to address all questions that were received. We also tried to remove all names from the document of those who asked questions. Please note, that if your question is not answered directly, it may be a question that was asked multiple times and was addressed in the narrative.

The questions listed below were simply downloaded in the format in which they were received.

The district answers are included in red print.

Thank you,

Dr. Henderson

1) Why doesn't the school just add locks to the doors that access the school from the library?

Wouldn't that be a better solution than evicting a community treasure?

And why does the students need a media/lounge? They aren't in school long enough (6 hours a day) to need to unwind and they can play video games at home - school is for learning not video games.

2) Why are you trying to close down the library? That has been there for years.

3) Is moving the library to a stand alone location an option?

Yes

4)I would like to take this moment to support the community library to be accessible to all in the community. This was Mary Fuller's wish for the community. Many children and adults depend on the library. Thank you for your time and hopefully will be able to come to a decision that benefits all.

Thank you for your input.

5)Why is world would you shut down a public library that the community and Frazier students use?

Why would fix the library up and take it away?

The library will still be in use by our students during school hours.

I'm so glad one of my children got to experience the library and get to graduate this year but my other child will never step a foot in Frazier ever again. This school doesn't think about the kids. They just think about themselves and the sports teams. Have a nice day. **It was actually the district's idea to renovate**

the space and provide our kids with an updated learning environment that they would be more inclined to utilize.

6) Why after all the time this valuable tool and community resource has been there never once had a issue as a safety threat until now?

I am certain that all of my tax dollars along with all the other parents and community members that get robbed every year with increase after increase in our taxes they're is funds to improve the entrance for the public library instead of closing it to the public

7) What will become of the library after the eviction of the community library?

The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

Why can't a metal pull down gate that locks be installed on the school side of the door that allows access from library to school? Give the librarian on duty a key in case of an emergency and have the custodian unlock it in the morning.

Fire Code

8) It'll be a real shame if the only public library closes.

9) How can you justify the removal of a public facility when the tax payers are funding the school?

Currently, the Community Library does not receive any funds from the school district other than operational and maintenance costs.

10) If the community library is attached to the school, with an entrance directly to the school, why the push back from the library to cooperate in securing the building. The safety of the students comes first and should be the priority above anything else. If the library does not want to cooperate, why keep them in the school? Can the library move down to the former moose lodge?

The community library can relocate to any area they choose.

11) What is the plan for the space currently occupied by the community library?

What solutions did the school offer to the library that would allow the library to remain in the school building?

What other security measures will the school be implementing to keep people safe?

The district is always improving and updating its security and procedures.

12) Can we have an outline of the security that needs to be done in the library to keep it open for the community?

Will the school or the library pay for these security costs?

The district will not pay for the additional costs. The district safety and security was not the issue in regards to the library itself. It was due to the fact that anyone can access the school during non-school hours.

Is the library doors open during school hours that the community has access to it?

No, the community library entrance is not open during School Hours.

Is there an alternative entrance the students can use during school hours so the main entrance the public uses remains locked during school hours?

The community library entrance is not open during School Hours.

What would your plans be with the space if the school closed the community library?

The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

If it was a lounge for students with vending machines, would you still need people to maintain it, keep an eye on it, have staff there at all times, hire exterminators due to food, and have the security there and would you hire these people to be there more then the 12 hours the library is open to the public?

There are no plans for the library to be used as a lounge. The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

Would you assist the library find a new location if you continue with the eviction?

Yes

13)Would the Frazier School District, PTO, families, Frazier Community Library, and other organizations and community resources collaborate to find a location, locate or raise funds for, and design and implement a new Perryopolis Community Library? **That is a great question and idea.**

14)I see alot of comments on social media and they keep talking about everything the district should do Was the problem that they wouldn't upfront the cost of these doors or anything else ?

I say shame on them for taking it to social media . They are just causing an uproar when that is the last thing they should have done !

Their story has changed from the very beginning and now they feel the need to explain themselves but the damage is already done

15)An advertised public meeting to present this information needs to be held so the community aka taxpayers are aware of this issue between the school district and the community library. Just as the school board approves for the use of school facilities, it would require a board majority vote to remove the community library.

16)Why does the board think it is beneficial to the district and the community to get rid of the library?

What other plans/options have been discussed by the school board with the library staff in order to maintain the where it is now?

Do the (extremely costly) school taxes that we as the tax payers pay yearly fund any part of the library? If so, where will that money be distributed to? **Currently, the Community Library does not receive any funds from the school district other than operational and maintenance costs.**

Has the school had any safety issues involving the local authorities because of the library in all of the years that it has been located in the school and can the district provide proof?

Even though there have been no identifiable safety issues with local authorities over recent years, the district still needs to address safety concerns identified by the Pennsylvania State Police.

17)What is required to keep the library open?

Unfortunately, the community library has refused to implement the safety procedures as stated in our risk assessment.

Why was the community not informed of the issues and given the opportunity to raise funds to keep the library open?

This decision was not made lightly by the Board of Directors and these conversations have been going on for months.

18)What steps need to be taken to ensure the library can remain at the high school and remain open to the public?

Has the library been directly informed of what steps it would have to take to be able to remain and open to the public? **Yes**

If the library is closed what are the plans for the space ?

19)Your statement for this Q and A states“ students can become lifelong learners” isn’t removing the library a contradiction to your own words?

20)Why has the school board refused a meeting with the library board to discuss a solution? **The district has met with the community library board on multiple occasions throughout the last two years.**

Why can you not just cage off entry to the school, there is no point to pay for security when other access points are left open. **Fire Code**

Why is this being left at the sole cost of the library?

The Frazier School is responsible for the safety and security of our students and building. We cannot fund programs that are not directly related to the district operations.

Does the school board not think that a library being available to our community and its children is important?

Why is the assessment being kept confidential from the attorney? **The information in the risk assessment is private and cannot be disclosed due to the sensitive nature of the document.**

If school personnel are required to make a risk or concern go away then why would the school board not implement someone to be present rather than shutting its doors?

How are library personnel not good enough but a teacher standing there is? **A teacher is an employee of the district and can be directed as such. There is no jurisdiction over a community member.**

A sign in sheet is a ridiculous thought for protection, what would that protect?

This is absolutely preposterous, the school board should be ashamed for shutting the doors on its learning youth!

21) Why is it just you and the school board's decision to close the public library? **The school board members are elected by the residents of the community. It is collectively their responsibility to ensure the safety and security of our students and ignoring a recommendation such as this, would not be prudent.**

If it belongs to the community of Perryopolis, shouldn't the community have a say in what happens? **If the community library operated in a stand alone location, then yes it would.**

I attended one school board meeting and not one of you addressed the public concerns during the comment section. This issue should be addressed in a public meeting so we could discuss the matter. Working together on how to keep the library open and still make it safe and secure for students and personnel could be the key factors in resolving the problem. **Safety and security is not a topic for public discussion and /or debate.**

22) I have a lot of questions/concerns. Some of which the District may not be able to answer as they pertain to the Community library, but here they are.

Can you explain your full intentions/vision for the Library Space? I understand there is all new furniture, etc. So I assume it will be utilized for something.

Will students have access to this space during the school day? **Yes**

Will students have access to the library in the summer months? **The district will certainly reassess summer access if there is a need to do so.**

Who owns all of the books? If the community library is forced to relocate, do half of the books go with them? Who makes that determination? **Once the community library relocates, our librarian will assist the community library in determining the division of books. The district budgets approximately \$10,000 per school year for K-12 library books and supplies.**

What about all of the books bought in memory of a loved one? Where will all of those books go?

How much has the Frazier School District (Tax payers) paid for the renovations to the High School Library space?

How much has the community library paid for the renovations to the High School Library space? If evicted, will they be reimbursed for the funds they spent for the renovations?

Looking back at the history of the issues that have been voiced on social media by the community library, it appears this all started over simple library renovations (Paint, Carpet, furniture. Can you explain how we went from simple renovations to where we are today?

Is there still funds in the Mary Fuller Frazier trust? If there are still funds, how much does the community library receive yearly? How much longer will there be funds from this trust available? **The district has requested to see the Community Library financials, however they have refused to provide them. The district does not have this information to answer the question.**

When/how was the library notified about this eviction?

I seen on FB that the community has legal council, Is the eviction the reason for them to have legal council? **I cannot answer this question on behalf of the community library.**

Does the Community library pay Frazier School district anything for the use of this space? **No, the district does not receive any funds from the community library nor is it aware of the financial status of the community library although we have requested that information to be shared.**

I am sure I will have more questions, but this is all for now.

23)Why would you even consider moving the Community Library out of the building? The students don't need a lounge, they need access to the library.

There are no plans for the library to be used as a lounge. The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

24)I have never been in the community library nor the high school building. So there are doors exiting the library, which anyone can access, entering directly into the high school building?

Yes, there are multiple points of entry through internal doors from the Library into the High School

Are there any metal detectors or alarms on these shared doors?

No.

If not, how has it been left like this for so long? **We do not have public enter through these doors during the school day.**

I hate to see the community library close...is there a way these shared doors could be locked with an alarm that sounds if somebody tries to enter the high school from them?

I understand these are a secondary fire escape exit, but there should be a way to keep the library opened without people from the community being able to enter the school freely at any given time.

If the library closes, what resources will the high school students have?

The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

25)Is it true that the Frazier School District is paying a wage to the supposed volunteer librarians on a weekly basis?

The Frazier School District has paid for extended after school hours in which the community library staff provided a librarian.

Is this money taken from School District Funding or a Sponsored/donated account?

How much are we paying them?

Frazier School District no longer pays Community Library librarians.

Why is it that a school district is paying money to a community free library?

Frazier School District no longer pays money to the Community Library.

If this is true, it makes zero sense to me that Frazier School District is paying a stipend for these services.

This program was started many years ago and has since been stopped due to lack of funding and student participation/interest.

26)I support closing the Community Library, If there were enough support for the Library then the community would focus on finding another location. I do not want our schools to have the slightest chance of public access. **Thank you. We appreciate your support.**

27)Have the High School Students (Student council) been asked what they would want as part of a HS library? **The Library Improvement Team, made of district students, approached the superintendent with ideas to update the library space. The students created a presentation that was later shared with the Community Library. The reaction from the students since the update of the library space has been nothing but positive.**

I have read on social media the the district discarded books. Can you explain the weeding process and how it is determined which books are discarded? **Weeding is a process used in libraries to keep our offerings current. Library books are weeded annually. Books are chosen to be weeded if they are obsolete, in bad condition, or have not been checked out in a period of time. The Frazier School District Librarian, in conjunction with the community library, weeded books over the last year or two. Once weeded, we had students take the books to the hallway area and we offered them to the**

community for free. These books were then discarded once people had the opportunity to come and get the books that they were interested in.

Was the community library consulted on the book weeding? **Yes, they were involved in the weeding.**

After reviewing previous board meeting minutes, I do not see an official board vote to evict the library. Can you explain why there has never been a vote? The public has a right to know which members are for/against the community library eviction.

28) They need to put the kids to work

29) What restrictions did the district impose on the library to force them to cancel Bunco? **The Frazier School District did nothing to force them to cancel Bunco. In fact, they continue to hold other community events. We honestly have no idea why the community library chose to cancel their Bunco event.**

30) Will the community library be moved to somewhere else in the community?

Frazier School District cannot answer where the community library will be located.

Will the students have access to a library in school?

The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

31) There is so much negativity on social media. I would just like to know the facts. **This is the intent with this question and answer document.**

32) Is it true that there are plans to use the evicted library space as a student lounge and that is the real hidden agenda?

There are no plans for the library to be used as a lounge. The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

33) If the community were to fund the replacement of the door mentioned in the risk assessment, would the library be able to remain open to the community? **The space cannot be secured from both sides due to fire code issues.**

Is the community library technically “renting” the space from the school, or was there an original agreement between the school and library out of respect for the correct allocation of funds from Mary Fuller Frazier? **There is currently no rent received from the Mary Fuller Frazier fund.**

34) Of all educational programs why would you want to dissolve & evict the Frazier Community Library? **We do not wish to dissolve the Frazier Community Library, we simply cannot share the space and maintain a safe and secure environment for our student body and staff.**

The residents of Perryopolis first concern is the safety of our students & community. A new door installed with all the safety features such as automatic locking on both sides & automatic unlocking on both sides in case of fire is a permanent solution which should have been done years ago. Hiring guards is a temporary solution, as well as a continued expense. Why was this even an issue that could have been solved without going to the media?

We live in a different world than what we did when the community library was established within the school building. The district did not contact the media. The issue is access into the school building from the library.

Thank you.

You are welcome.

35) Who will supervise students when they are in the library/coffee area? **The general function of library spaces within schools has evolved over the last 10-15 years. Some include maker spaces, gaming centers, recording studios, cafe style drinks/snacks, multimedia displays, and collaborative work spaces. Students will occupy the library under the supervision of district staff and/or the district librarian.**

When do teachers have the opportunity to take their students to the library/coffee area and do they take advantage of the opportunity? **Yes. Teachers take their students to the library to hold class and enable collaboration between students. This updated space has provided an additional option for teachers to hold their classes.**

Where do you suggest the community library move to? **The district cannot suggest where the library should relocate.**

Have you looked into writing any grants for ways to obtain money for the things the school needs, i.e., curriculum to utilize a multimedia center? **The District does write and secure grants for many projects within the district. If you are aware of any private grants, please share the information with our Administrators.**

You said that there were student representatives that provided ideas for a lounge, yet, my child in the high school was never asked for any input. It seems that a student council should be gathering ideas from the whole student body. **There was a Library Improvement Team that approached us and provided us with ideas and a slide show. This was shared with the community library.**

36) 1) Assuming the public library is removed, would students have access to online or physical books? **The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education. They will have access to books in the same manner they do now.**

2) Who is/was responsible for providing security in the library space currently? **As with any outside organization that utilized district property, they are responsible for providing their own security.**

The community library will be invoiced for the cost of security due to the hours of operation of the library being outside of the school hours and the activity being unaffiliated with the school district.

3) Does the district have access to quantitative usage numbers on the library to justify the utilization of the space? (books checked out per day, attendance at activities). **No, we wanted to institute a sign-in/sign-out sheet (as per indicated in our risk assessment) to help us identify usage, however the community library refused this request. We asked them to fill out a use of facilities when holding events and provide security, as we do with all outside organizations when the public will be in the buildings, however they have only recently partially completed the request.**

4) Would fire code allow for the door to the school to be locked (on egress)?

No.

37)

1. How long ago did you begin to plan to completely take over the space currently occupied by the school/community library?

It was never the intent to take over the space. The superintendent involved the community library board from the onset of planning the renovation and provided them with a PowerPoint of what a student group presented to the administration to see if we can upgrade our outdated space. It wasn't until the district started to address areas in the risk assessment, that the district informed the community library of the safety concerns indicated in the report. The district informed the community library of those concerns and recommendations to address. The community library spokesperson refused the requests. The spokesperson and community library continued to ignore the district's requests. Therefore, on advice from the solicitor, the district had no choice but to act and put the community library on notice that the relationship would no longer continue.

2. In a building with so many empty spaces, why were those not considered to the student lounge / gathering place?

There are no plans for the library to be used as a lounge. The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education. The upgrades reflect what 21st century libraries look like in school districts across the nation.

3. Will you be hiring staff, perhaps with a counseling background to keep this space covered at all times so that at no time students are unattended and at risk of potential bullies? **The library will not be occupied by students without a staff member or teacher present.**

38) Why is the district failing to work with the library attorneys to come up with a solution to keep it? **The safety and security of the district or building is not an item to negotiate. We have provided them options and they have refused to implement them.**

39) I am an alumni of Frazier High school class of 2004 when you were a gym teacher. I have since then moved to Pittsburgh but still take my kids into the library for story hour and other events. It is their favorite library to read and learn in.

My question is how you think you have the authority to take a community library away from its community? **We are not taking the library from its community. The Community Library will choose if it will continue to be in existence, the District cannot make that decision for the community library.**

You do not live in the community or participate with the community library outside of giving them a hard time.

You have no right to take it away from its citizens or people/kids that enjoy it. They are more than willing to work out issues but it's either your way or no way. Show the kids of Frazier what you should be teaching and work together. They are willing- why aren't you? I look forward to seeing your response- but I am sure you will neglect to answer. **The superintendent has been in full support of providing our students with a 21st century learning space and has included the community library in the process. The district has permitted that community library to pick the paint and carpet along with adding a much needed storage area. And although the anonymous donor paid for the paint, the district ended up paying for the \$26,000 worth of carpet that the community library ordered due to the fact that district was notified that the donor no longer was supporting the project.**

40) What happens with all the books that was donated to the community library not to the school?

Is this by chance a way for the conservative movement to censure books? **No.**

41) Why would you want to close down something that has been in the community for decades, my son who is 14 and in 8th grade who still uses the library, the closet library is in Rostraver. He is very comfortable with the ladies at the library and he is not concerned about safety, he feels safe when he is in there and has no concerns. I feel safe, and if you would like to turn it into a safe place, please use the old wood shop or find another place! **The superintendent's and the Board's vision throughout this project has been to update an outdated space and provide our students with a 21st century learning environment that will enhance their educational experience. It was not to close the community library.**

42) 1.) At what Board Meeting was the Community library eviction voted on?

What members were in Favor?

If there was NO meeting where a vote took place- why wasn't there? **That is a question for the solicitor.**

2.) Aside from hiring a Security Guard what Other options/solutions were discussed in terms of resolving the Security issue at the Community Library? **Please see the list that is provided below, (#4)**

3.) Why did you ultimately choose to require a Guard to watch the door indefinitely at the cost of \$35/hour versus installing a new door? Wouldn't a new door be more effective for Safety as well as more cost efficient? **You cannot install a door that does not allow access out of the library due to safety**

concerns. The community library can choose any security guard it chooses, as long as he/she is approved by the district. However, they choose not to.

4.) According to the Community Library You had a resolution worked out that you were comfortable with:

Implement a Sign In sheet

Hire a Security guard

Fill out a use of facility form.

Why didn't you communicate OR work towards a resolution with the Community Library after you gave them your initial security requests? **The district did communicate via email. The security measures were denied by the community library spokesperson. The district reached out again to no avail. The community library refused to entertain our options as listed above. These resolutions were not created by us or what we were "comfortable with". They were recommended by the Pennsylvania State Police.**

Shouldn't the Community Library be able to weigh in on what they think would be best for both the school and the Community Library Itself, Financially speaking? **The Community Library has no input on the finances of the school district. The district receives no monetary contribution from the community library. The school district funded after school library hours for a number of years, however due to lack of student interest, the money was reallocated for district use.**

5.) In my opinion evicting the community Library has more negatively effects on the school vs Positive. (upset taxpayers, loss of access to the Library books added by the Community Library, it's a bad look to potential New Residents that a school is fighting with a library when there are solutions to the problem at hand and lastly-what kind of message does this send to the students, really, Both in getting rid of a library and not finding resolution between two parties who have dwelled together for 60+ years) In what ways do you think evicting the community Library benefits the school when again, there are possible solutions to the security problem. As with the last two years, the only viable solution, wh

6.) Will you please reconsider the decision of closing/evicting the Library? The community and school need to work together. There are many things the school students could do to help the Community and many things the community can do to help the school. Please try and work together. **As always, the school district, the administration, and Boar of Directors, are committed to serving our students and providing them with the best educational opportunities that we can provide.**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to ask questions.

You are welcome.

43)If the library where to move to a different location outside of the school, what, if anything, does the community library own that they could take with them (ie. percentage of books, furniture, computers, etc.)? **The books will be distributed in a fair and equitable manner. In regards to the furniture, the district will work with the community and provide what it library as it has tried to throughout this process.**

44)What will replace the library?

Nothing, the space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

Why not just make the current situation more secure.

45)What steps were taken to keep the community library open? **The community library was provided with three security steps, as outlined in our risk assessment, to be implemented in order to ensure student safety. They refused to initiate these security measures. Only this week did they partially complete the requested use of facilities form when hosting an event.**

Why is a new door not an option? I have seen someone recommend doors that are tied into the fire alarm to open for fire concerns.

Why is the door to the library the only door of concern? There are other doors open and unmonitored (the middle school gym door is open constantly at the end of the day while our elementary students are still in class. There is no guard there - why???)

When practices and games occur at the school the doors are open and there is no guard. How is that any different than the library? (Library personnel is just as capable as school personnel)

I believe I read that Mary Fuller Frazier donated money to support both the school library and community library. How can the community library be closed?

We do not wish to dissolve the Frazier Community Library, we simply cannot share the space and maintain a safe and secure environment for our students and staff without adherence to the recommendations by the PA State Police.

Also, this community library really does a lot for our community. My children love going there on Saturday mornings and during events and programs. All we can ask is that both the school board and library put aside difference and work together for a better option to keep the library open to the public.

46)What other considerations can be made to keep the library where it is while ensuring the safety of our students and still serve the community?

What recommendations did the state police make in their risk assessment of the library and what other safety concerns were identified in addition to the library? **This information cannot be shared due to the sensitive nature of the report from the PA State Police.**

What are your plans for the library space and how will it enhance the quality of education being provided to our children? **The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education. By updating the library space with current technology and innovative collaborative learning spaces, the students will be able to enhance their education.**

When will you meet with parents and concerned citizens to let their voices be heard and show that you value them and their opinions and suggestions?

Have the students been asked what their opinion is on the library eviction?

47)If the library is closed to the community, will it remain open for students?

The space will continue to be a High School library for Frazier Students to utilize during their high school education.

Is there a solution that allows the community library to remain open? **They are free to move to another location.**

Why was the risk assessment not made available to the library board of directors or their attorney?

Why did the school board make demands of the library that were unable to be carried out, such as a sign in/sign out sheet? **There are privacy laws regarding public libraries. However, due to the fact that it is housed in a public school building, requiring a simple sign-in/sign-out sheet is not an unreasonable request. However, the community library refused to implement the security measure.**

Why does the school board refuse to set up a meeting with the library board?

Will the petition that the public signed stating that they want to keep the community library open be taken into consideration by the school board?

48)If the library is labeled as a risk why are there cafeteria workers leaving a door unlocked to go smoke in the church parking lot across the street and outside the view of the door itself? How is that not a huge risk? **The superintendent questioned the cafeteria manager regarding this. There is a gate at the bottom of the ramp. Due to heat, there is a door open however the gate is locked and blocks access to the building. The gate is locked after leaving or entering the building.**

How is it that when I go to pick my child up, I'm not even asked who I am or for ID? They tell me sign the sheet and give me my kid. What if someone unauthorized tried to pick my child up? How would they even know? How is that not another HUGE risk?

Why is the library being singled out and labeled as a risk when there are clearly bigger risks at hand that need addressed first, especially since the library's risk label could easily be taken care of.

49)How is the library more of a safety risk than other after school activities such as sports team practices which allow for open doors, people walking through the school hallways, and no security guards?

How is an elderly security guard at the library more cost effective and preventative than replacing or alarming the doors in question?

How does evicting the library support the students and families within the district?

As a parent of students within the district (high school and middle school), how might the decline of the district with regard to state academic testing scores and rankings continue with evicting the community library and turning the library into a lounge? **First, the library is not being turned into a lounge as has been portrayed by some. Second, students will continue to have access to the library and its resources. And finally, there are many factors and circumstances that influence test scores. The district continues to promote literacy through many programs that it provides.**

50) I am writing this as an informative note and then a few questions. I believe people are not filling out the questionnaire because of the board's history in meetings and with their decision making. I have never attended a board meeting. However, I have been a sounding board (from multiple, multiple sources) that the meetings are completely one-sided. Decisions are made without honest consideration of the public interests, allowing the taxpayers to be "heard", and even muting or silencing taxpayers in meetings. The library issue has multiple stories and reasonings associated with it. I do not believe any of the rumors. I wish to know your side of the story. **There have been many meetings that have occurred that the Board has changed direction, or their mind regarding decisions that needed to be made after listening to input from parents or the citizens of the school community. However, there are also times that comments from the public do not sway the Board's decision or vote. Regarding people being silenced, there are certain rules and time limits that are to be followed during meetings regarding public comment.**

1. Please make it clear as to the actual reason that you want to close the library. I do not (for one second) believe that you want to close for security reasons. There are multiple ways to easily correct your reported issues without closing the library. **Due to having three access points from the library into the school building, it is impossible to seal off access into the school building when it is not in use by the school district. The doors need to open into the building for safety reasons, therefore they cannot be locked.**

2. Is it true you are planning on using the library as a "coffee lounge" (of some sort) for either the faculty, students, or both? **There was never any intention for this to be just a "coffee lounge". This is the narrative that has been portrayed by some. Libraries across the country have been changing their footprint by adding or serving drinks/ snacks, creating maker spaces, media areas, and collaborative learning spaces**

3. It seems to be a trend throughout the country (as it is even on TV) that groups are trying to get rid of certain books. Is this the case in Frazier? Is this a political agenda? **We are not using this to remove books. We have never recommending removing a specific book in the nine years that I have been superintendent. We have weeded old or unused books to make room for new ones.**

My advice would be to be completely honest with the taxpayers. I am not bashing, but there have been multiple occurrences when the board has made decisions that are authoritarian. School board members should be servants to the taxpayers and the children. Please listen to what people have to say and then negotiate a mutual agreement. I feel that people believe they are being bullied and they don't appreciate it.

The Board has not bullied anyone.

If any monies are going to be appropriated, it should be for air conditioning for the high school. Furthermore, money should be allocated for improvements to the football field. The stadium is an embarrassment and it's only a matter of time before someone gets

We tried to use ESSERS money for air conditioning, however the bid came in too high to complete the job.

51) Why is the section of the school that is not being used currently turned into a "Collaborative Learning Center" instead? **Due to the renovation, there are now collaborative learning spaces throughout the library.**

52) What is the floor plan beyond the door connecting the school and Community Library? Are there any expandable scissor gates beyond the door to prevent access to the school? How much would installation of scissor gates cost?

52) How does the removal of the Community Library reflect the core concept of the district's mission statement, "to inspire and empower our students so they can become lifelong learners . . ." When access to the library might be eliminated? **Our students will continue to have access. The district will still operate its library during school hours.**

Can the door between the Community Library and the school be locked or have a lock installed on it? **The doors need to open outward to the building due to emergencies that may occur.**

Can an alarm sensor be attached to the door to alert a security firm or authorities? Intruders may be treated the same as any other intruder into any other secured district facility.

Could a remote locking device be armed by the Community Library staff and which could only open in the event of a fire alarm activation or other emergency? **This would be an additional cost that is not in the district's budget.**

Could the Community Library place a movable desk, occupied by library staff, in front of the door connected to the school and during library hours to prevent anyone from passing through the door? **The district told the library that they need to provide district approved security. No option was presented.**

Does the school district have an existing lease agreement with the Community Library and is a copy available for the public to review? **No, there is no lease agreement.**

If the school district does have an existing lease agreement with the Community Library and if improvements and alterations to the facilities is controlled by the school district, why should the school district not engage in a meaningful and frugal solution that benefits students and the community?

What solutions have been discussed to date to address the security of the door connection the school and Community Library?

What replacement alternative does the district guarantee to provide access to literary resources, internet, and charging locations for student electronics during the school year, school vacations, and summer months in addition to the educational enrichment activities the library currently provides for the community if the district removes the library from its current location?

Does the district believe removal of the Community Library shows respect and gratitude to the generosity started by Mary Fuller Frazier for this district Perryopolis, and does the district believe that removal of a valuable supplemental educational resource for the students and community will foster community eagerness to donate time and tax dollars for the benefit of the district?