

Parent Teacher Relationships Dilemma

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The following video focuses on identifying and describing how community values and expectations influence personal values and dispositions.



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Speakers: Host, Janet Keegan, David Lawry

HOST: Thunder High School is known for its excellent teachers and social studies teacher David Lawry is no exception. But recently Department Coordinator Janet Keegan became concerned about David at a recent parent/teacher conference.

JANET KEEGAN: David is a great teacher and his students love him but he is a very private person. He has been here three years and we still don't know much about his personal life. Not that it's any of my business. I just like to know my staff.

At our spring parent/teacher conference, I noticed David talking with one of the mothers for an extended period of time. If I had to describe their conversation, I would say private. Whatever they were talking about, they didn't want anyone else to hear. I decided to check back later and see if there was a problem with one of David's students.

Then I saw that mother was back, again talking to David. This time they were giggling together almost like a couple of teenagers. When I asked him if everything was okay with the mother, he became really nervous and said it was all good. She was just concerned about her son. His behavior was just odd.

The next morning, David asked if he could speak with me in private.

DAVID LAWRY: The woman you saw me with last night was Gina. We've been dating for four months and yes, her son is one of my students. We actually met through a friend and didn't even make the connection until the second date. I've been meaning to talk to you but I wasn't sure what to say or how you'd take it.

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