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the Vancouver, Wash.-based leader of Patriot Prayer, a group whose demonstrations have often descended into bloody clashes with antifascist demonstrators. The stories drew national attention and criticism from the named commissioners, prompted the mayor to call for an investigation of the texts and to ask Niiya to cease communication with Gibson.

The Portland Police Bureau announced there would be an internal review, released additional texts and the city scheduled a listening session, which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

Wheeler has stood by his call for an independent investigation into the text exchanges and his comments that the text exchanges appear to “unnecessarily encourage” Gibson.

In a statement, Wheeler said police must remain objective and that the texts appear to “cross several boundaries.”

“They also raise questions about whether warrants are being enforced consistently and what information is being shared with individuals who may be subject to arrest,” he said.

In one text, Niiya tells Gibson he does not see a need to arrest Gibson’s assistant, Tusitala “Tiny” Toese, who often brawls with anti-fascist protesters, even if he was the target of a warrant, unless Toese committed a new crime.

On Wednesday *Willamette Week* reported that the Multnomah County District Attorney’s office built a convincing case for prosecuting Toese but have so far failed to do so, in part because they’ve asked the police for more evidence and PPB has not provided it.

“Just make sure he doesn’t do anything which may draw our attention,” Niiya texted Gibson on Dec. 9, 2017.

“If he still has the warrant in the system (I don’t run you guys so I don’t personally know) the officers could arrest him. I don’t see a need to arrest

“Just make sure he doesn’t do anything which may draw our attention

on the warrant unless there is a reason.”

“This story, like many that have come before it, simply confirms what many in the community have already known — there are members of the Portland police force who work in collusion with right-wing extremists,” wrote city commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty after the stories were released.

Eudaly joined Hardesty and Wheeler in calling for an investigation, writing, “This revelation has only served to confirm suspicions and deepen the divide between the PPB and the community. All members of our police bureau must follow our rules and uphold our progressive values, not aid and abet groups and individuals bent on doing harm to our communities and responsible for terrorizing our city.”

PPCOA’s pending grievance alleges that these comments violate a clause in its labor agreement with the city, saying if it has reason to reprimand or discipline a commanding officer, “it shall be done in a manner that is least likely to embarrass the commanding officer before other employees or the public.”

Heidi Beirich at the Southern Poverty Law Center, said the texts did seem “odd for their chattiness” and warrant an investigation.

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bers of the public to contact homicide detective William Winters at (503) 823-0466 if they have any information. The state medical examiner will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of Goggans’ death.

Goggans’ family held a vigil for her Saturday evening in East Portland and a viewing Monday afternoon at the Terry Family Funeral Home, and has set up a GoFundMe to help with funeral expenses (https://www.gofundme.com/in-the-loving-memory-of-jaquonna-lakaya-goggans?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=fb_co_shareflow_m).

Goggans’ death is not the first time violence has been visited on Palmer’s family. She had already been involved

“The community needs to stop being silent on stuff like this

in movements to prevent violence for years when, in January 2015, her son, Jazman A. Moore was shot four times in an incident that was described as gang-related and which he survived. She formed an organization called the

Oregon Children’s Theatre Presents “The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors!”

Oregon Children’s Theatre will present “The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors!”, a world premiere musical by John Maclay with music by Eric Nordin, directed by Stan Foote, based on the best-selling children’s book by Drew Daywalt, March 2 through April 14, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays at Winningstad Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway. For more information, visit www.octc.org or call (503) 228-9571. The ensemble cast features Janelle Rae Davis, Alex Lankford, Alec Cameron Lugo, Rob Lauta, and Tara Velarde.



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ed by the Oregon School Report Card — and according to text from school board meeting minutes, Portland Public Schools considered those gains insufficient. Last May, the Portland Public Schools board voted to keep Rosa Parks on a year-round schedule for one more school year, then transition back to a year-round schedule.

As Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Monday, teachers say despite repeated efforts to contact the school district to confirm the change and offer input, they didn’t receive direct confirmation — or any direct communication from the school district about the school’s schedule — until this month.

“During the pilot years of the year-round calendar at Rosa Parks School, some improvements in student achievement were shown. Unfortunately, not enough growth was shown compared to similar demographic schools. Also, it is inconclusive whether the gains are due to the year-round calendar, or due to the lack of comparable baseline data,” reads a resolution in the school board’s meeting minutes from the May 8, 2018 PPS board meeting.

That resolution recommends that the school continue with a year-round schedule for 2018-2019 and return to a traditional schedule the following year.

Rosa Parks teachers who spoke with *The Skanner* said there was talk of a schedule shift in November 2017, and that at the time the district was concerned about pay-

roll, curriculum rollout and professional development.

A Feb. 12 email sent from Portland Public Schools to Rosa Parks staff notes that because other schools in the area — including George Middle School and Roos-

gram, making year-over-year, apples-to-apples test score comparisons difficult. (PPS was not able to confirm this in time for *The Skanner’s* deadline.)

Nichole Watson, who teaches fourth grade at the school, told

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velt High School — are on traditional schedules, it was difficult for families to juggle the schedule of kids on different schedules.

“Originally, when the district had decided that we were going to pilot the year-round program, that was supposed to be offered to other cluster schools,” which would prevent precisely the friction the district described, said Beyoung Yu, who teaches English as a second language at Rosa Parks.

Harry Esteve, a spokesperson for Portland Public Schools, said while the year-round pilot pre-dates his hiring by PPS, he has also heard that there was talk of extending the schedule.

“My understanding was that this was set up as a pilot program with the idea that there were other schools that would go to it but that didn’t happen,” Esteve said.

According to Yu, the school has not used the same standardized test every year since it has been on the year-round pilot pro-

The Skanner that during her 2017 campaign, school board member Rita Moore described standardized tests as “fundamentally biased” and “not useful” for parents, students or teachers — and that the emphasis on test scores was not the district’s original argument for the schedule change.

And while the May vote was public, Watson said, it came at the end of a meeting that had lasted more than five hours, with no prior communication to teachers or parents about when the board would vote on the schedule change.

“We just feel, as predominantly a community of color, these are the decisions that people in power make when they don’t really work for equity,” Watson said.

The school adopted the year-round pilot to help address “summer slide” — the phenomenon where students lose ground over the summer months.

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