

The following are responses to patron questions that were asked at the May 3, 2021 school board meeting. When relevant and possible, we will post answers on a monthly basis.

Citizen Advisory Committees

Our corporation welcomes volunteers on Citizen Advisory Committees. Citizen Advisory Committees (Board Policy 9140) are formed under the direction of the Superintendent to address school issues affecting the entire community. Some examples over the last 20 years include Blue Ribbon, Finance, Happy Hollow, Strategic Planning 1 & 2, Facilities, RWLS, and DEI. Membership includes: Administrators, teachers, parents, students, 1-2 Board members, community patrons, and others with topic expertise. These committees had an application process-used to have a press release in the Journal & Courier, communications to parents via schools (paper and now email), posted on the corporation website, announced at Board meetings, announced at Parent Council meetings, announced at Board/Teacher discussion, etc. The goal of the Citizen Advisory Committees is to have sufficient representation from all stakeholder groups within the WLCSC. Teachers are appointed by the WLEA. Parent Councils may encourage parents to apply. Any stakeholder can suggest someone with topic expertise and that person may be specifically asked to apply (especially finance committees). The committee members for the latest Strategic Plan, RWLS, and DEI are posted on the corporation website. Citizen Advisory Committees present final recommendations to the School Board. The School Board has the final vote on which recommendations to accept.

School Level Committees

School Level Committees are formed at each school to address various issues relevant to the school and are formed under the direction of the Principal. Some committees are teacher only and some are teacher and parent. Each individual school develops the selection procedure for membership.

Communication with the School Board

- 1) We welcome input from our patrons, parents, students and administration. We realize that our public school board meetings provide for a limited exchange. This is why we suggest contacting our administrators / our superintendent directly with concerns or questions.
- 2) We welcome public commentary at our public school board meetings. We have two occasions for commentary within our meeting agenda – at the beginning for agenda items and at the end for non-agenda items.
- 3) The board will reply to public questions in a timely manner. We need time to gather facts and or data to ensure an accurate response. Answers will be posted on the WLCSC website (as you see here) for public viewing.
- 4) Any patron can email or call a Board member with a concern or question. Email addresses and phone numbers of Board Members are listed on the corporation website.
- 5) The board plans to hold “Town Hall meetings” as we deliberate larger decisions that face our district. Public input will be invited and welcomed.