

The notes below were written by the chair of the WLCSC Board of Trustees, Rachel Witt, and sent to the members of the WLCSC board of trustees, the Superintendent, and CFO of schools, date as noted. They were written as documents to aid collaboration and contain both informative and deliberative items. They are informal communication, written with the sole purpose of information to board members to facilitate individual members' ability to execute the task each were elected to do. They were not written for any form of publication.

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The Board Chair, in consultation with corporation and board leadership, is releasing these documents, only minimally redacted, as part of our ongoing work for transparency. Names/pronouns are redacted to ensure a first person voice. Other redacted language could include: Legally protected information, ie. personnel or student names or reference, deliberative information where release of the information could potentially cause harm to a person or group of persons, or inhibit the ability of the board to conduct the business of the board.

Redacted Text is noted by <Redacted Text>

As always, these notes are confidential. If you have any item you are interested in more conversation about, please let me know. I will set up a time with you. You are also always welcome to add comments to these notes if you have additional resources that would benefit the board. On a personal note, Happiest Father's Day to you Dads! Rachel

Board/Development - Training

- *(Reminder) ISBA Prospective Member Training, July 11. Distribution to schools and community is now complete. I will be present as "host" to welcome community members, but board members are not expected to attend.*
- *(Reminder) Summer Board/Administrative retreat August 3, 5-9 pm.*

Meetings of the Board

- WLES Principal Search first round interviews complete. I anticipate there will be an executive session scheduled for the WLES principal search with a fairly quick turnaround at the end of June/beginning of July. Please watch for that from Roberta.
- I anticipate we WILL have our July work session (7/19 at 6:30 pm) to review the results of the independent financial review and recommendations from the consultant as well as the SBOA audit results. Please also watch for confirmation of that and details sometime this week.

Community/Patron Feedback

- Received commentary from patron *<Redacted Text>* regarding 6/6 board meeting.
- x4 patron complaints regarding contents of above mentioned commentary. *<Redacted Text>* I continue to be concerned with the negative implications of a community member(s) persistently and publicly deriding administrators and members of central office. It creates a hostile environment *<Redacted Text>* . This is not a sustainable environment and mindset where our professionals, and subsequently our students, can thrive. I ask for your thoughtful consideration of this topic in particular going into the board retreat for training. Thank you.

Student Success & Safety

- There have been numerous studies conducted that draw a clear connection between effective school board behaviors and student success. Continuing with the series and my comments last week, below are links to articles 3 and 4 in the series. Thank you for your review and consideration.

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General Business

- Met with Superintendent *<Redacted Text>* Asst. Superintendent *<Redacted Text>* Member(s) *<Redacted Text>* for a transitional meeting. This began in January and is ongoing with periodic meetings to ensure an orderly transition of leadership and governance of our schools. I have nothing but praise and gratitude for members *<Redacted Text>* for sharing their experienced perspective and wisdom as well as their openness and in fact, promotion of change.
- Preliminary meeting of the Communications Committee with purpose of considering a path for development of a corporation-wide communications plan. This will be included in the board retreat. I also anticipate an increased presence for WLCSC on social media platforms over the coming weeks. Please look for opportunities to support that effort as they arise.
- *(Reminder officers only) Fiscal Review with <Redacted Text> 6/21 at 3:30 pm. Board officers will attend and then information will be shared with board.*
- *(Reminder specific members) Scheduled a training meeting 6/24 for members regarding background of negotiations process.*
- *(Reminder) Interviews set and reference checks underway for Legal RFP. <Redacted Text> We are working through the process. I still anticipate this recommendation will come to the August meeting.*