

Washington School Board Summer Retreat
8/9/2018 – 6:00pm
Washington Elementary School

In attendance:

Board Members: L. Musmanno (Chairperson), C. Mulliner, K. Atkins, K. Belanger, A. Mills

Administration: R. Hassett, P. Parenteau

COMMON THEMES – could do better

Leadership

Academic Excellence

PTO/Community Involvement

Student Population

Transitions

Facilities

Budget

Technology

Communication

CURRENT STATE OF SCHOOLS

Group One

Technology –are we keeping up?

Are we still as academically advances? Is it less so than prior years?

Leadership Team:

Technology

Why are we getting behind?

Failure to communicate

Compatible with HD

Budget Talks

Lack of support to school board

Not filling role 100%

Do they need guidance?

Do they feel like we support them?

Do we look at a new model?

Part time principal/part time teacher

Full time in building

Culture of School

It seems like it's changed in the past few years

Sally Jenkins trips- Used to go and bring back knowledge & experience as a unifying theme

Enriching

Stale – can we get that back

Vision-is there no one person with a vision anymore

No one person with drive

Population

Is our budget starting to overwhelm this small town for the number of students that we are supporting

Budget restrictions

Teachers feel the squeeze

Facilities

Boilers

Budget comparison to town – people compare

Technology – up to par

Cost to tuition versus keep school running

Group Two

Academic excellence – strong sense of community

Students social – struggle with population

Small/larger – integration

Leadership-lacking

Leadership team – principal

Budget struggles

Low number of students

Lacking a true facilities manager

Community involvement and support

Writing buddies

Grandpals' day

Conservation Commission

Bus schedule

Staff longevity teacher support staff

School board mixture

Students we are tuitioning to other districts

Specials – struggle with staff

Before/after school activities/care

Middle /high school

Academics

Teacher/parent relationships

6/7 grade?

Middle school culture to move students along?

Lack of diversity in WES

WHAT WILL SCHOOL LOOK LIKE IN 5 YEARS?

Group one

School Open

Principal – dynamic with vision

½ principal, ½ teachers

Here all day

Technology

Cutting edge

Make school attractive to new families

High academic achievement

Positive/high morale

Technology

Low taxes attracting 2nd home buyers

Transitional families

Culture issue of living far from activities

How do we address this?

More students

Tuition kids from neighboring communities-Helps budget

Extra curricular school activities- Boy scouts/girl scouts - Clubs

Community involvement

Kids in community

Community in school

Flags in cemetery

PTO – more members

Academics – strong

School Closed

Tuition out all students

What happens to building?

Busing

Lose control over kids' educational choices

School Choice

Is this even an option?

Group Two

Continue academic excellence

Change leadership model

Facilities manager/outsources in place

Continue strong community involvement opportunities

Stronger PTO

Establish a tuition fund

Support staff to continue maintaining longevity

Establish more effective communication with middle and high school specific to Washington students

Stronger PTO and relationships with town