



WISE Charter Society Board minutes

September 18th, 2025. Zoom link

Shared WESE & WISE Board Book Study

6.45 - 7.00pm, "Leadership Development: Change from the Inside", Torin Finser. Chapter 15, Steve/Eoin.

Chapter 16 to be reviewed by Eoin.

WISE CS Board meeting

Called to order: 7.03pm.

Attendance:

In-person: Allison, Eoin, Mark (chair), Keely, Calvin (guest).

Online: Raegan, Apryl, Mary, Margot (arrived at 7.33pm), Steve (arrived at 1913).

Opening - 10 minutes

- 1. Opening verse
- 2. Treaty acknowledgement
- 3. Two-word check-in
- 4. Approval: <u>August minutes</u>
 Proposed by Eoin, second by Alison.
- 5. Approval: September agenda Proposed by Eoin, seconded by Alison.
- 6. Conflict of interest declaration

Reports (20 minutes)

7. Report: <u>Superintendent September 2025 report (5 minutes)</u>

Apryl highlighted the changes made to the Ministerial order on library materials. The school will continue to comply with all orders issued and the school has until January 6th to publish a catalogue of all the books in the library for review by the school community.

Apryl highlighted the changes relating to faculty and student supports in the survey. There appears to be a divergence of views on these matters but this is mostly

attributable to small statistical swings and lack of clarity for the respondents on the nature of the survey.

8. Report: Principal (7 min)

Screening assessments have been conducted for K-3. Around 50% of parents opted to exempt their children from examinations which lowers the administrative burden.

Professional Development is planned for the end of September.

We continue to follow our enrollment process with various placement assessment dates scheduled.

Each term we have our Faculty Council in-person meeting, studying 'Solving the Riddle of the Child.'

Our first assembly is on the following Wednesday; Orange Shirt Day is coming up, as is Michaelmas.

School Council Executive is scheduled to meet soon and the AGM is on October 8th at 7pm.

9. Report: Secretary-Treasurer (7 min)

Our enrollment push helped secure an extra 10 students which will help bolster our income above the budgeted amount (total enrollment is 188).

Our audit has started earlier than last time so that the board will have time to review in advance of the AGM, in early to mid-November.

Our new field manager will be at the school on the 26th of September and Apryl will attend the meeting.

New policies will arrive for the October board meeting.

WESE construction and site improvements are completed, there has been a dramatic improvement in safety for children although until we have construction of a new parking lot (as part of an overall school build) we will also have to be mindful of safety in that area.

The marketing process is going very well with good support from the consultant.

September has been a healthy cash deposit month for payroll and lease payments so we have also been able to order equipment.

Two other schools in the region were approved for capital construction which may not be helpful for our aspirations, however no formal update has been secured since the last meeting.

Other business (20 minutes)

10. AGM matters. (AGM timeline document) (Steve & Keely)

Steve updated on the AGM process checklist. Calvin provided an update from the WESE perspective, with a request for one WESE parent to be part of the nominations committee.

Action: Keely and Steve will turn the nominations document into a google form to minimise the friction, and make the forms the same as well as help parents discern which board/council is most suitable for them.

- 11. **Motion:** to approve the Superintendent contract renewal for 2025/2026 (Steve/Eoin) Eoin motioned, Allison seconded and Calvin said all the right things about Apryl and how much we appreciate her.
 - 12. Any other business

Steve circulated board evaluation and needs feedback from all board members by October 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 19:54.

13. Two-word check out

Board In-Camera session

The Board entered it's scheduled in-camera session.

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WISE Charter School Board work plan 2025/2026 (needs to be updated for crossed out items)