



WISE Charter Society Board minutes

October 16th, 2025. [Zoom link](#)

Shared WESE & WISE Board Book Study

6.45 - 7.00pm, "Leadership Development: Change from the Inside", Torin Finser. Chapter 17, Mary.

WISE CS Board meeting

7.00 - 8.30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 1914.

Opening - 10 minutes

1. Opening verse

Steve read the opening verse and rhapsodized about the *Last Airbender*.

2. Treaty acknowledgement

Keely read the Treaty acknowledgement.

3. Two-word check-in

4. **Approval:** September minutes.

Steve motioned to approve the September minutes, Sara seconded, all approved.

5. **Approval:** October agenda.

Steve motioned to approve the September minutes, Sara seconded, all approved.

6. Conflict of interest declaration

Reports (20 minutes)

7. **Report:** Superintendent report (5 minutes)

The question arose from the report about whether to circulate information to the school community regarding public criticism of independent & charter schools in the context of the

teacher's strike. The board consensus was that information could be circulated. The Board agreed that Keely would draft a letter on behalf of the board to send to our local MLA.

8. **Report:** Principal (7 min)

Mary has been making multiple Individual Plans (IPPs), creating a recess document and supports for EAs and volunteers. Everyone has submitted their teacher professional growth plans (TPGPs). Mary has been working with the library committee as well as the intake team to streamline the intake process.

The plan is to split the winter concert for G1-4 and spring concert for G5-9. This will help us manage space, manage attention spans and help older students gain mastery over their instruments.

There is a new pedagogical study at the Faculty Council which has been very good. The School Council AGM took place with 16 attendees and healthy discussion. The next meeting is Nov 5th.

9. **Report:** Secretary-Treasurer (7 min)

The current focus is on the audit. This is the first proper, full year, audit as a charter school. Also the school's marketing plan is well underway with video assets ready for a November/December campaign.

There is a slew of regional meetings upcoming including TAAPS and ASWNA which also include reporting components.

The AEP results are generally very positive, with some caveats regarding supports which Mary has in hand.

The SCAP meeting was very positive. They indicated that they have included our application with the batch of applications forwarded to the Minister.

A question arose regarding the distinction in funding streams for different types of schools (private; charter; other public). The answer is that WISE CS has been placed in the charter specific stream as well as in the overall public stream.

The school's enrollment count was 187 which is very positive and close to target. Kindergarten is not full and has no waitlist. Grades 1-3 are full and waitlisted. We are aiming to integrate candidates across more senior grades. The overall registration trend is from 163 in 2024 to 203 this year which is strongly sustainable. 200 is the optimal number.

Other business (50 minutes)

10. **Update:** AGM updates (Eoin & Steve)

Keely will send out the nominations committee information asap.

Steve and Calvin need to coordinate with Keely regarding the timing of the AGM which is anticipated for a WESE annual general meeting at 6.30 and the WISE CS meeting at 7.30pm.

In December WESE will shift its meeting schedule to the second Thursday of the month and WISE can adjust its meeting schedule to suit an earlier start time.

Board members will review their position descriptions, Steve will review the Policy and amend the section on the officer selection at the board meeting such that the board officers are elected as a slate at the AGM.

The Board can anticipate seeing the slate by 7 days in advance of the AGM.

Motion to approve the Policy as amended, second by Eoin, all voted in favour.

11. **Motion:** to approve the Board Policy on nominations. (Steve)
[see also draft Terms of Reference for the Joint Nominations Committee]

Motion to approve the Policy as amended, second by Eoin, all voted in favour.

Motion to approve Terms of Reference for the Joint Nominations Committee, Steve motioned and Eoin seconded it. Rock and roll.

12. **Motion:** to approve the replacement of all references to the "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)" in the WISE CS Policy Manual with the corresponding terminology of either "Access to Information Act (ATIA)" and/or "Protection of Privacy Act (POPA)."

Eoin moved the motion, Sara seconded the motion, all in favour.

13. **Motion:** to approve the Terms of Reference of the Finance Committee.

Margot, motioned it and Eoin seconded the motion. All voted in favour.

14. **Information:** Board evaluation process. (Steve)

Steve will include FNMI and this will include this in the June for board workplan. The Board is requested to complete it before the end of October for current reporting requirements.

WISE Charter School Board workplan - 2025/2026.

“Nature,
Your motherly essence,
I carry it in my will's being;
And the mighty fire of my will,
It steels my spirit's drives,
That they give birth to a self-awareness,
So I may carry my Self within myself.”

The WISE Charter School acknowledges that we are Treaty people in ᑭᓯᐱᖅᑲᓴᐱᕐᓂᐱ Amiskwacîwâskahikan on Treaty 6 territory and Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4 territory.

Their knowledge of the land, histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant communities and remind us of the value of 'tawâw.' (welcome)