

ISC General Meeting -- Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – District Administration
Offices

Presentation – “State of the District” - Acting Superintendent Dr. Wagner Marseille

ISC Business:

ISC Voting members unanimously voted for the proposed slate for the ISC Executive Committee. The ISC Executive Committee is shown below along with terms of service:

2015-16 ISC Executive Committee:

Co-President – Lucy Klain (Two year term - 2014-16)

Co-President - Claudia Baker (Two year term - 2015-17)

Vice President, Communications - Melanie Schafmeister (Two year term - 2015-17)

Treasurer - Julie Peterson (Two year term - 2015-17)

Mini Grants Chair - Shirlee Howe (Two year term - 2015-17)

Member-at-Large – Karen Dunleavy (Two year term - 2014-16)

Member-at-Large - Julie Gruber-May (Two year term - 2015-17)

Member-at-Large - Ali Liu-Brown (Two year term - 2015-17)

Member-at-Large - Peg Wahrman (Two year term - 2015-17)

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(Please note: The following notes should be read in conjunction with the PowerPoint presentation, which can be viewed by clicking [here](#).)

Dr. Marseille’s presentation summarized the issues and topics that LMSD will be addressing in the coming year(s), which could serve as agenda items for the ISC monthly programs. The ISC should engage parents and guardians as well as LMSD personnel in conversations about these issues.

Enrollment --

- Continued growth will further strain infrastructure and finances

- LMSD is the “destination of choice”
- PA funding formula is an LMSD issue as it will impact numbers enrolling in LMSD as alternative
- High schools will experience greatest growth

Opting Out of Standardized Tests --

- In 2014-15, 294 (out of approximately 4,000) 3rd - 8th grade students “opted out” of standardized (PSSA) tests
- Opting out is being used by parents to respond to government imposition of testing
- Anticipate that the number of students opting out will continue to increase significantly
- There is a cost to LMSD for students opting out as students need to be supervised

Bus Parking Requirements --

- LMSD needs a solution
- LMSD has been engaging LM Township commissioners to solve the need for additional bus parking

Budget –

- As enrollment grows, costs grow
- Neighboring districts are reducing services to control costs, which may contribute to LMSD continued enrollment growth
- LMSD needs to be strategic about how they think about the budget going forward

Operations –

- Expansion projects are being completed
- LMSD needs to maintain its infrastructure

Strategic Plan –

- Plan is vastly different than anything before
- LMSD is thinking about prototypes and creating opportunities

School Calendar – Time --

- LMSD needs to engage the community in conversation about Sleep and School Start times to address the holistic needs of students

- This will be multi-month process
- The LMSD community should engage other districts in the conversation

Race in America –

- Community must engage in conversation about the “stressors that trigger” the issues
- LMSD has focused on cultural proficiency training for its teachers and needs to find a way to engage students in the same conversations
- We need to better prepare our students for the challenges surrounding the topic; they need to be equipped with the tools to address the issue