

Communication Log 2015-16

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Lori Medlin

From: Sarah Riss
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Lori Medlin
Subject: FW: Webster-Rock Hill Ministries and Webster Groves School District

Please put in the communication log. I will respond.

Sarah

Sarah Booth Riss, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
Webster Groves School District
314-962-1233

From: WRHM .org [<mailto:wrhm@wrhm.org>]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 9:59 AM
To: Sarah Riss; Wynn Miller; Bob Garrecht; K Wentzien; Judith Holstein; Thelma McClelland; Ellie Wharton
Subject: Webster-Rock Hill Ministries and Webster Groves School District

To; Sarah Riss and the Webster Groves School District Board

From: Ed Johnson and the Webster- Rock Hill Ministries Board

Date: March 10, 2016

Hello Sarah,

Our collaboration between the Webster- Rock Hill Ministries and Webster Groves School District regarding the Low Power FM Radio Station project continues to move forward. Forward all agreements and/or contracts regarding the Low Power FM Radio station project to: Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, 111 Waymire Ave. , Webster Groves, MO 63119, Attention: Radio Station. Contact me if you have any questions.

Ed Johnson,

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

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Lori Medlin

From: Sarah Riss
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 9:03 AM
To: Lori Medlin
Subject: FW: Clark Elementary School Principal
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

For the communication log.

Sarah

Sarah Booth Riss, Ed. D.
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From: Sarah Riss
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 9:02 AM
To: Board
Subject: FW: Clark Elementary School Principal

Thought you would all want to see this from a Clark parent.

Sarah

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From: Jenny and Tom Korte [jentomo@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 5:46 AM
To: John Simpson
Subject: Fw: Clark Elementary School Principal

Dr. Simpson,

As a parent at Clark School for the past 10 years or more, I congratulate you and the Board on an EXCELLENT decision!! We (along with so many other parents) were hoping Mr. Hays would be our next principal. He is a terrific educator and administrator, and I think Clark is very lucky to get him. Thank you for your diligence and excellent decision making in this matter!!! It's a great day for Clark School!!!!

Sincerely,
Jenny Korte

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "simpson.john@wgmail.org" <simpson.john@wgmail.org>
To: jentomo@sbcglobal.net

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From: kmummm@charter.net [mailto:kmummm@charter.net]

Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2016 7:57 PM

To: 'addison.david@wgmail.org'; 'clendennen.amy@wgmail.org'; 'oliver.joel@wgmail.org'; 'dugan.jean@wgmail.org'; 'emersonsmith10@gmail.com'; 'loher.steve@wgmail.org'; 'wgsdshipley@gmail.com'

Cc: 'medlin.lori@wgmail.org'; 'riss.sarah@wgmail.org'; 'vespereny.cathy@wgmail.org'

Subject: Two easy, free of charge options to begin recording school board meetings immediately

Dear WGSD board members,

Reading Jim Merkel's Webster Kirkwood Times article yesterday reminded me of a couple of ideas I have for you regarding initiating taping of the board of education meetings ASAP. While videotaping would, of course, be ideal in order to capture body language and facial expressions of those in the room, audio taping would certainly suffice to allow for the public to hear the content, as well as the vocal tone of the speakers for all school board meetings.

It is hard to believe the cost to tape record meetings could be \$15,000, as the board subcommittee suggested. I'd like to suggest two alternatives. Either could be used, beginning ASAP. If the need were then demonstrated for transitioning to videotaping, options and costs could be fully researched. Meanwhile, free of charge audio documentation could begin.

Option 1: Lori Medlin, the BOE/supt secretary could simply use the same table top tape recorder former BOE/supt secretary, Jane Baumgartner, used to tape record all the superintendent search firms presentations, with the exception of the presentation of McPherson and Jacobson, on August 1st. The tape recordings could be kept on hand, available upon request.

Option 2: Ask our community's new KWRH Radio63119 if it would record the meetings and post them on Soundcloud. It may be delighted to do so as a public service.

Radio63119 has done a spectacular job to date recording /posted the interviews with each of the city council and BOE candidates. It also has recorded/posted WGSD sporting events. As you know, it also recorded and posted the council and BOE forum March 22.

I can't think of any reason to wait one more meeting without recording them for transparency for our citizens.

Kim Mumm

Lori Medlin

From: Sarah Riss
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 12:46 PM
To: Lori Medlin
Subject: FW: Response to comments about the recording of board meetings

For the communication log.
Thanks

Sarah

Sarah Booth Riss, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
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From: Addison, David [<mailto:DAddison@rgare.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 12:44 PM
To: kmummm@charter.net; Amy Clendennen; Joel Oliver; Jean Dugan; Emerson Smith; Steve Loher; Michael Shipley
Cc: Lori Medlin; Sarah Riss; Cathy Vespereny
Subject: Response to comments about the recording of board meetings

Dear Kim:

Thank you or your note, which will be included, along with my reply, in the communications log.

With respect to the recording of board meetings, anyone has always been free to record any part of the proceedings that was open to the public and should they wish to make them available in any form, they have always been free to do so. I know that in the past, reporters have recorded some or all of the proceedings. In a similar fashion, should a radio station wish to record and broadcast either then, or at another time, they would be free to do so. Equally, if this was something you would like to take on, we will make sure that there is an appropriate place for you to put your microphone. Of course the responsibility for making sure that these recordings are clear and that the quality is consistent from one meeting to the next would rest with the person making and publishing the recording.

If the school district takes on this responsibility then we would be responsible for making sure that everything is clear and readily accessible. To do that in a way that will be consistently high quality is going to require specialized and expensive equipment. This is why the solution is likely to run into the multiple thousands. It is also going to require recurring dedicated staff time. The board thinks carefully about the money we spend and the staff time we demand and at least I do not believe that this represents the most appropriate use of district money or time.

The board will revisit the motion that had been tabled previously and there will be a vote on that motion at our next meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

David

Lori Medlin

From: Sarah Riss
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 11:56 AM
To: Lori Medlin
Subject: Fwd: recording

For the communication log.
Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: <kmummm@charter.net>
Date: March 29, 2016 at 11:39:04 AM CDT
To: "addison.david@wgmail.org" <addison.david@wgmail.org>
Cc: "wgsdshipley@gmail.com" <wgsdshipley@gmail.com>, "clendennen.amy@wgmail.org" <clendennen.amy@wgmail.org>, "emersonsmith10@gmail.com" <emersonsmith10@gmail.com>, "loher.steve@wgmail.org" <loher.steve@wgmail.org>, "dugan.jean@wgmail.org" <dugan.jean@wgmail.org>, "oliver.steve@wgmail.org" <oliver.steve@wgmail.org>, "riss.sarah@wgmail.org" <riss.sarah@wgmail.org>, "vespereny.cathy@wgmail.org" <vespereny.cathy@wgmail.org>
Subject: recording

Dear David,

Thank you for your reply. I'm glad to hear the board will revisit the motion about recording the meetings. I agree with you the recordings need to be clear and that the quality needs to be consistent from one meeting to the next, and that would rest with the person making and publishing the recording.

I have been very impressed with the quality of the work of the Radio63119 KWRH station and its recording quality. For example, I was able to hear all three board of education candidates' complete statements made at the candidate forum March 22 when I listened to the Soundcloud replay; I was unable to hear them that evening from near the front of the auditorium, due to microphone failures that evening. It was extremely helpful to go home to listen to the recording to catch what I missed.

Since the radio station staff has made itself available for recording WGSD sporting events, as well as the candidate forum and candidate interviews, maybe it would be delighted to provide this recording service for the district as a public service in collaboration with the district. It is worth asking, perhaps.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your week.

Kim