

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303**  
**School Board Retreat Minutes**

**Date:** August 16, 2012  
**Place:** Yonder Guest House

**Board of Directors Present**

Patty Fielding, Mary Curtis, Mike Spence, Tim Kinkead, Mev Hoberg

**Board Officers and Board Committees**

Board members discussed a change in officers and committee assignments. Patty Fielding expressed interest in resigning her current position as School Board President, and all directors expressed interest in changing committee and liaison assignments. Based on discussion, nominations were recorded and will be brought to the Board at the August 30, 2012 meeting for discussion and a vote.

**PTOCC Meetings**

Discussion highlighted the very positive reactions to rotating Board presence at PTOCC meetings and to having PTOCC representation at Board meetings. This practice will continue and a schedule of Board member attendance at PTOCC meetings, along with a schedule for Board committee meetings, will be forthcoming.

**Strategic Planning and Communications**

Participants reviewed areas for enhanced communication to include:

- A policy review to clarify conditions under which Board approval is required. Example: the area of core vs. supplemental curriculum materials, where the Board approves the first but is informed on the latter.
- Enhanced website postings at the individual school level and more active communication from principals to teachers around high-interest District issues.
- Vigilant transparency around donations, especially those with designated purposes.

Open discussion about workable structures for innovation and communication about new successful practices covered a number of areas with emphasis on the importance of site councils, PTOs and PTOCC.

Superintendent Chapel provided an update on the two day District Administrative Team Retreat that immediately preceded the board retreat. Focus of those meetings included:

- teacher/principal/district staff evaluations
- student assessments and data dashboard, and
- professional learning communities

Following the report about the District Administrative Team Retreat, Superintendent Chapel reviewed plans for initiating the work of the School Configuration Committee. Discussion included the following:

- Committee composition and charge
- Application process, which will soon end
- Discussion of possible Board appointees

At the conclusion of the meeting, Board members discussed the importance of continued retreats, that District staff be included, and possible agenda topics.

**Adjournment**

7:30 p.m. – The meeting was adjourned.