

Prepared Notes for Board Meeting

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I'd like to start tonight's meeting with a note of personal privilege.

I first met Courtney Fisher in May of 2014. At the time, I was the Board liaison to the Student Board Member program and as such, participated in the interviews we did for Student Board Members.

WKHS had a process that required a written application. I received the applications the night before the interviews and I knew immediately that Courtney was going to be hard to beat. I'll just quote a couple of pieces from her application:

“My first goal would be to improve relations between the school board and the students”.

So I asked Courtney about this during the interview and she quite rightly and honestly pointed out that most students have “no idea that you exist” or something like that. How do you not admire someone who, as a senior in high school, is comfortable speaking truth to power and how refreshing that is. She demonstrated that leadership characteristic many times over the next year and I greatly respected her for it.

“I would like to focus on creating school environments where all children feel safe and enjoy the wonders of learning”

Courtney's application was replete with her focus on eliminating bullying and her work in “Stand up for the silent” remains part of her legacy. She would be pleased to know that our district leadership has made her dream of all children feeling safe a priority in everything they do.

Would you please join me in a moment of silence to remember our 2014-2015 Worthington Kilbourne student board member, Courtney Fisher.