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Follow-up discussion post school board meeting

5 messages

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Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 9:12 AM

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Good morning Connie,

I would like to schedule an hour with Gretchen, Laurie, and Paulette if their schedules allow between today and tomorrow, and perhaps Thursday if need be. Most of the topics are for my education.

Topics are:

Post Homelink survey results - I'd like to see the actual survey and discuss it further

FTE 0.8 - I need to get educated on this formula

Compensation for paras, specialists, educators - Addition education is needed on my part

Waiting list - My education/clarification

In district/out of district - My education/clarification

Scheduling of courses and resources - My education/clarification

Tech refresh of computers - follows my Solidworks 3D modeling discussion I brought up at the school board meeting

Thank you,
Gerry

Gretchen Hausman <gretchen.hausman@dpsdmail.org>

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Cc: Connie Lambert <connie.lambert@dpsdmail.org>, Laurie Otteson <laurie.otteson@dpsdmail.org>, Paulette Hines <paulette.hines@dpsdmail.org>

Hi Gerry,

I wanted to let you know that I did get your email today, however this week I have back to back family intake interviews (families have been on the waiting list that we are enrolling for next year) scheduled throughout the day as well as specialist support at lunch. I am unable to meet with you this week. The following two weeks I am needed for support during testing and the members you mentioned will be proctoring our SBA testing. We could possibly meet Friday afternoon, but I would need to be available.

Please let me know if you have other availability.

Here are a few answers to some of the questions above.

Family Survey [HERE](#)

Waiting list - we do not take new families throughout the year for many reasons that I can explain at another time, but this causes the wait list to build during the year. We are also limited on space and caseloads for staff. We are currently holding Meetings and Intake Interviews with several families on the waiting list, giving priority to Deer Park families.

Tech Refresh - we are on a 5 year cycle

Compensation for staff: please see the most current salary schedules for classified and certificated positions. This year, specialists did get a raise. Specialists are at \$27 an hour and Academic Specialists at \$32 per hour.

FTE information from OSPI's website:

Full-Time Equivalent - FTE

- **FTE is the measurement of student's enrollment and is used to fund districts.**
- Claiming FTE is based on:
 - **Seat-time traditional class:** enrolled hours in a classroom.
 - **Running Start (RS) class:** enrolled college credits.
 - **ALE program:** estimated hours of learning in written student learning plan.
 - **Work-based learning (WBL):** actual hours in a WBL program.
 - **Ancillary Services:** actual hours of services.
 - **Open Doors (OD) program:** program's total planned hours of instruction (below 100 level classes) or enrolled college credits (college level classes).

Factors for FTE Calculations

- Seat-time and ALE FTE is calculated as follows:
 - 1.0 FTE is defined as 1,665 weekly minutes (27 weekly hours and 45 minutes).
- Running Start (RS) FTE is:
 - 15 college credits equals 1.0 FTE.
 - # of enrolled credits ÷ 15.

[Full Presentation regarding FTE calculations](#)

A student with less than 1.0 FTE would have access to fewer classes and resources here at Home Link as funding is reduced each reduction in FTE.

I hope this answers most of the questions that you have at this time.

Gretchen Hausman

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"Wherever you go, go with all your heart," Confucious

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Thu, Apr 18, 2024 at 9:47 AM

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Gretchen,

I am free tomorrow from 10 -11 am. As I expressed several Homelink concerns at the previous school board meeting, I need an interactive discussion on the topics.

Gerry

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2 attachments

Full-Time Equivalent - FTE

[Full-Time Equivalent of students' enrollment and its use in fiscal districts](#)

- [Understanding FTE](#)
- [What are Full-Time Equivalent \(FTE\) positions?](#)
- [Calculating FTE](#)
- [Full-Time Equivalent \(FTE\) - A Key Metric in Human Resources Management](#)
- [What is Full-Time Equivalent \(FTE\) and how is it calculated?](#)
- [FTE Calculation](#)
- [FTE Calculation Example](#)
- [FTE Calculation Formula](#)

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Factors for FTE Calculations

- [What are the 4 FTE calculation methods?](#)
- [FTE Calculation Example](#)
- [FTE Calculation Formula](#)
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Gretchen Hausman <gretchen.hausman@dpsdmail.org>

Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 7:35 AM

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Hi Gerry,

I appreciate your interest in learning more about Home Link, but as I stated in my previous email, I am booked with family intake interviews that have been scheduled for 2-4 weeks out everyday this week including today. I have families coming in every hour from 9:00-3:00. These interviews are part of the onboarding process for our families that have been on the waiting list. The next two weeks, our staff will be focused on state testing for our students. Our day is packed with supporting groups of students with their tests.

At lunch yesterday, I compared calendars with Laurie and Paulette and we found that the next available day that all 3 of us are available is **Monday, May 6 at 8:30AM or 2:00 PM**. Please let us know if either of these two times work for you.

I hope that some of the information I sent in my previous email was helpful in answering some of your questions.

Gretchen Hausman

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Alexa Allman <alexa.allman@dpsdmail.org>

Tue, Apr 23, 2024 at 9:20 AM

To: Gerald Ashby <gerald.ashby@dpsdmail.org>

Cc: Eric Keller <eric.keller@dnr.wa.gov>

Good morning Gerry,

It was nice to see you last evening. I appreciated your positivity and excitement around the mascot and connection with the students. Thank you!

As I am making sure the process (or chain of command) is being followed, I wanted to clarify the process for board members with questions/concerns that do not pertain to their own personal child's progress. In this case, you had questions about Home Link when you took the seat of board member. Eric requested that Gretchen come, outside of her regularly scheduled board meeting presentation time, to present information about Home Link. This additional presentation was based on your inquiries. Gretchen attended on March 11th during that work session to answer and clarify questions about the program, including some of your questions below. I also followed up in a previous weekly update with information as it relates to some of your inquiries.

Moving forward, if there are issues/concerns regarding a program, school, or system, that do not pertain to your child's progress specifically, these need to be brought forward to the board chair. The board chair will determine when the best time to hold the discussion with the board will be. From there, the chair and the board will determine the next steps; thus operating as a team of 5.

I will address some of your other questions in my weekly update this week so that all board members have access to the same information. Most of the information is easily accessible online via OSPI, our website, and/or the Home Link handbook.

Gretchen and her staff are extremely busy and are working tirelessly this spring to close out the school year and welcome new families. This is where she needs to spend her time and where I am asking that she continue to focus on the school plans she outlined last evening. Questions regarding Home Link going forward need to be brought forward to Eric and will be discussed as a board.

I wish you the best of luck this weekend for the Math is Cool competition. Please know that I won't post any information about your team until further information comes my way ;).

Thank you for your service,
Alexa

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