



Presentation of House Resolution No. 4721
by Representatives Nixon and Springer,
recognizing the contributions of
Morgan Wilhelm and all
student representatives who serve.
March 2006

The Riverview School District Board of Directors began their Student Representative program in 2004-05. Since then, many great student leaders have joined the School Board for two-year positions.

The student voice has given invaluable input to the Board on such topics as the high school six-period day, our health policy, foreign language classes, and technology in our schools. Student leaders actively participate in Board meetings and ask very insightful questions.

One of the major benefits to the School Board has been the students' strong advocacy with legislators, especially at the WSSDA Legislative Conference in Olympia.



WSSDA Legislative Conference 2006
Mitch Breinholt, Leah Cole, Carol Van Noy,
Phil Gore

Student Representative Quotes:

Learning to work with a diverse group of people in order to accomplish a common goal is a valuable lesson. Mitchell Breinholt

I have always been amazed at the system in which our school works, how much thought and dedication goes into each carefully thought out decision. Morgan Wilhelm

As a student representative, I have the capacity to network with my fellow students regarding school and community concerns. Leah Cole

To be able to directly voice my opinion about what actually goes on in the district would be a great honor. Josh Siegel

This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to my school and the people who have provided me with countless opportunities to succeed in life. Courtney Fields

I want to learn how decisions made at board meetings affect me as a student and how I can make an impact as a student. Glynis Bawden

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Westin Seattle
November 18-21, 2009

Student Voice: The Benefits of Student Representation on Your Board



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The Student Representative position offers students an opportunity to develop and refine leadership and public speaking skills, to interact with community leaders, and to gain knowledge of school board issues and procedures, as well as respect for public service.



Meeting Governor Gregoire



State School Superintendent
Dr. Terry Bergeson



State Representative
Roger Goodman



Student Representatives Courtney Fields
and Glynis Bawden take the Oath of Office



WSSDA President Ted Thomas



King County Councilmember
Kathy Lambert

Responsibilities of the Student Representative

- Adhere to all the rules and regulations pertaining to Board members.
- Attend all regular School Board meetings which occur while school is in session.
- Attend special meetings or study sessions if requested, but not Executive Sessions.
- Review the Board meeting packet and reading materials prior to all regular Board meetings.
- Participate in discussion at regular open meetings of the Board. However, the student representative may not make any motions or vote.
- Provide reports to the Board during the agenda item titled "Student Representative Report." The reports will include student activities, and topics and concerns of which the high school Student Council may choose to apprise the Board.
- Refrain from committing the Student Council to any position or action that has not been previously approved by the Student Council.
- Report Board deliberations and actions to the Student Council as applicable.
- Orient a new student representative.
- Participate in Board training sessions, when invited, such as the WSSDA Conference and Legislative Conference. When these sessions occur on school days, student representatives will follow the established prearranged absence procedures at the high school.
- Student representatives will serve for two years.
- Student representatives will receive a .5 Elective Credit for each semester of successful Board service.

The role of the Student Representative is to provide student insight and perspective to the Board of Directors and district administration; serve as a liaison to the high school students through the established student government and communications networks; and report to students about the work of the school district and the Board of Directors.

The Student Representatives are bound by all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the elected Board members. The Student Representatives will participate in Board discussion, but will not have the right to make motions, vote, hold Board offices, or attend Executive Sessions.