

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Meeting
July 20, 2021
Babson College, Olin Hall: Needham-Wellesley Room**

The School Committee joined the WPS Admin Council at 12:00pm for the second day of the WPS Administrative Retreat. Those present included School Committee Vice Chair Linda Chow, Secretary Leda Eizenberg and members Melissa Martin and Jim Roberti; Superintendent David Lussier; Assistant Superintendents Cindy Mahr and Sandy Trach; Directors Charmie Curry, Kathleen Dooley, Cynthia Russell; and Principals Rebecca Zieminski, Jeff Dees, Toni Jolley, Gerardo Martinez, Rachel McGregor, Leigh Petrowsky, Ellen Quirk, Grant Smith, Mark Ito, and Jamie Chisum. Director Sarah Orlov and School Committee Chair Catherine Mirick were absent.

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The Committee and administrators were joined via Zoom by Katy Swalwell PhD, the Lead Equity Specialist from the Equity Literacy Institute. Dr. Swalwell's presentation focused on how to accomplish equity goals in a district like Wellesley. She presented data both local and national demonstrating both the need for continued work around equity and the practices shown to be most effective. Also discussed were strategies for persisting in equity work in the face of resistance. Groups engaged in discussions around challenges, goal-setting, and approaches.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:00 PM, the School Committee adjourned and left the retreat.

Respectfully submitted,

Leda Eizenberg
Secretary

Documents and Exhibits Used:

- WPS Administrative Summer Planning Retreat 2021 Agenda
- Article: *Facilitating Through Resistance* (Due East Educational Equity Collaborative, 2021)
- Article: *Equity Work Should Start at the Top* (Learning for Justice, 2019)
- Article: *Equity Detours* (Educational Leadership, 2019)
- Article: *How to Make Antiracism More Than A Performance* (Education Week, 2021)