



Lake Washington School District
Study Session of the Board of Directors

Date: March 19, 2018

Topic: Board-Community Linkage Planning

During the annual Saturday study session in January, the Board focused on Governance work, and reviewed the concept of “ownership.” The Board represents the organization’s (district’s) ownership, and leads the direction of the district or behalf of the ownership. Linking with the ownership is an important principle of Policy Governance.

Board-ownership linkage:

- Is intentional
- Is mandated by the full Board
- Has a specific purpose and agenda
- Is conducted by the Board or a sub-part of the Board
- To inform/educate, be accountable to, and engage owners in sharing their perspectives
- Is used to inform Board policy
- *Is* about connecting with owners to inform Board End Results policy decision making
- *Is* about “Big” questions
- *Is not* about customer service/satisfaction about operational issues (buses, nutrition services, etc.)

When planning for ownership linkages, the Board must consider the following:

- What does the board need to know from the community to inform their policy decision making?
 - What knowledge does the Board need to gain from the community about impact on Ends?
 - What questions does the Board need to ask?
 - To whom do the questions need to be asked in order to gain the knowledge needed?

In this study session, the Board will review the concept of ownership linkage and discuss and plan for potential linkages.