

Breakfast with Brad Schneider

March 2, 2018- WCSC Administration Bldg.

Mr. Schneider welcomed the group to the Administration Building again, explaining the meeting had been switched from Tecumseh due to ISTEP testing.

ISTEP has been underway for a week or so, and the teachers and Principals have reported very few issues so far (not many technology glitches, etc.). Again, next year will be a new, shorter format called ILEARN.

School Safety – After the situation on Monday, Feb. 19th, a discussion about the events was in order. First, the Snapchat that started the panic was from out of state and had nothing to do with any of the Warrick Schools. Many of the schools did a precautionary lock-out. Parent should know there was an increased law enforcement presence at every school that day as a precaution.

Social Media, unfortunately, intensified the situation and led to panic among some. While the School Corp. does not prevent parents from checking out their children, had there been a real danger, it would have been very disastrous to have all of those parents lined up outside the building and walking their kids out in the open.

This was, however, a good learning opportunity. In the future, WCSC will put out a communication ASAP via Blackboard Connect to the parents. Last week, the Superintendent, Principals & school staff were so engaged in the events taking place on campuses and checking out students, that the communications got delayed.

This type of threat is unfortunately so common right now: over 20 arrests have been made in just the last two weeks in Indiana alone! Principals will be putting together programs to educate all of our students about the seriousness types of threats or “jokes”. Parents, please be having this conversation with your children today!

You can go to <http://iloveguys.org/> to read more about the Standard Response Protocols that are in place. Also, there is a big difference between “Lock Out” and “Lock Down”: Lock Out is locking the outside doors and nobody enters while school goes on “as usual” inside. This could happen, say, if there’s a bank robbery and the suspect is still on the loose. A “Lock Down” says there is an active threat actually present. This is when all interior classroom doors also get locked, lights out and students take cover out of sight.

Parents need to understand that it’s not “Parents vs. WCSC”. Rather, it’s a partnership. We’re on the same side of trying to do the very best for our childrens’ education and safety! There have been previous meetings between parents and the school corp. to discuss protocols in emergencies. There is a safety team that meets every month to continue making adjustments and improvements. School safety is an ongoing process that the WCSC has been working on for 17 years. The safety procedures we have today are completely different than they were then and will continue to evolve.

We have an amazing relationship with the Indiana State Police and all local law enforcement. They train at and are familiar with our schools. Over 300 digital cameras have been added in our schools over the

last few years. Within the next month, law enforcement will have access to them as well. Governor Holcombe is also going to be looking at school safety more. We hope he will consult with educators in this process.

Remember, our best defense is teaching our kids to report things they see or hear that are worrisome.

Technology – WCSC is hiring their first E-Learning Coach. 1:1 devices are being purchased within the month and will soon be in the hands of teachers. High school students will get devices next year, and middle schools should follow by 2021. Textbooks will be available in digital format right away, and we hope to phase out the actual books in 6-8 years.

A \$4.5 million bond was approved for continuing building improvements to J.H Castle, Oakdale, CNMS & the Admin. Building.

There are ongoing discussions about the location options for a new elementary school. We expect an increase in enrollment next year. An average of 60 new students enroll in Warrick schools year – but, never an unexpected flood. The WCSC closely follow plans and approvals for new subdivisions and apartments.

Graduation Dates have been set:

- Tecumseh- Fri May 18 @ 7pm
- Boonville – Sat. May 19th @ 9am
- Castle – Sat. May 19th @ 11am
- Warrick Educ. Center – Tues May 22nd @ 6pm

The next breakfast meeting will be held **April 13th at Tecumseh Middle** (note the date change).

Please call the WCSC office at 812-897-6050 if you would like to attend a meeting. You may email your questions or ideas for topics **to bschneider@warrick.k12.IN.us**.

In case you missed them, here is a link to the February Breakfast with Brad minutes:

<https://www.warrick.k12.in.us/schools/docs/Breakfast.pdf>

Minutes taken by Karen Bradshaw