# WCHS Board of Trustees Meeting

June 2025



# June 24, 2025 Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Approval of May Minutes
- 3. Academics
- 4. Parent Leadership Council
- 5. Operations
- 6. Facilities
- 7. Executive Consultant
- 8. Recruitment and Enrollment
- 9. Finance
- 10. Human Resources
- 11. Staff Advisor to the Board
- 12. Accountability and Development
  - a. Ratification of May voting items
- 13. Adjournment



# Academics - Important Dates 6/24/25

- BCAT May 30th Artists week and Artist Talk; Silent Auction with community
- Senior Prom 5/30 at Terrace on the Park
- Senior Final Exams and Biology/Earth Space/Geo Final Exams 6/2, 6/3, 6/4
- No School 6/5
- PD Day 6/6
- Senior Grades Due 6/9 @8am
- Biology & Earth/Space Science Regents Exams 6/10
- Geometry Regents Exam 6/11
- Senior Awards Dinner 6/13 @6pm
- Final Exams 6/12-6/13; Make-Ups 6/16
- Regents Exams 6/17-6/18
- T3 Grades Due by 8am 6/18, Grade Verifications Released
- Grade Verifications Due by 6/23
- No School 6/19
- Regents Exams 6/20-6/25
- Rating Days 6/26-6/27
- Graduation/End of T3 6/27
- School Closed (Except Facilities) 6/30-7/4/25
- Financial Literacy Class w/ Brooklyn Neighborhood Services, Tuesdays starting 7/8
- Summer School 7/14-8/7/25 Monday-Thursday

# Academics 6/24/25

### **School Year Planning**

- Year-End Feedback Surveys
  - Advisory Survey
  - Student Course Survey
  - Teacher Reflection Survey
  - 360 Feedback Survey
  - Cell Phone/Electronics Policy Survey
- August & School Year PD Planning
- Review of Policies
  - Course Catalogue and Grading
  - Community Covenant and PBIS
  - Scholarship Application
  - Credit Recovery, APEX
  - Summer School
  - Teacher Observation Process
  - Instructional Coaching Model
  - Teacher Mentorship Program

# Academics 6/24/25

Summer School Planning & Registration:

Counselors are assisting families with Summer School registration now:

- 1. Fill out the **Summer School Interest Form**
- 2. Complete the **Summer School Contract**
- 3. Counselors will then register the students in PowerSchool

# Summer School 2025 Schedule

#### 2 Sessions Available

Session 1: 8:00am to 11:00 am

Session 2: 11:30am - 2:30pm

#### Trimester 1:

Monday July 14th Tuesday July 15th Wednesday July 16th Thursday July 17th Monday July 21st

#### Trimester 2:

Tuesday July 22nd Wednesday July 23rd Thursday July 24th Monday July 28th Tuesday July 29th

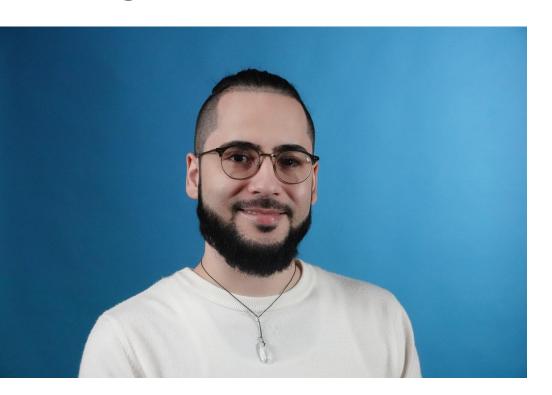
#### Trimester 3:

Wednesday July 30th Thursday July 31st Monday August 4th Tuesday August 5th Wednesday August 6th



# May Teacher of the Month

# Congratulations, Mr. Jonathan Perez!



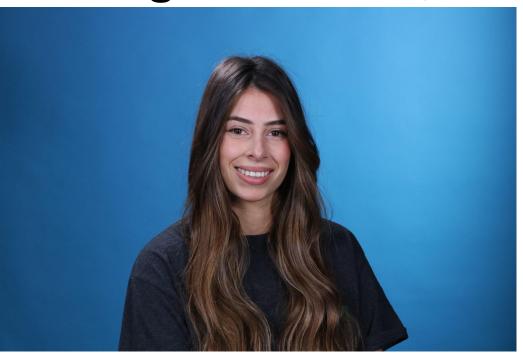
Mr. Perez stepped into his role and instantly became a beacon of light to our school community and our kids. His passion and drive go beyond the classroom walls and extend far beyond the school building. Mr. Perez is always willing and able to assist not only students but the entire school community in any way he can.

His calm demeanor, paired with a stern yet loving approach to guiding our students, is truly admirable. Mr. Perez is the true definition of a dedicated, compassionate, and impactful educator, someone who leads by example and makes a lasting difference in the lives of those around him.

Mr. Perez we are so blessed to have you on our team!

### May Staff of the Month

# Congratulations, Ms. Stacy Lyamets!



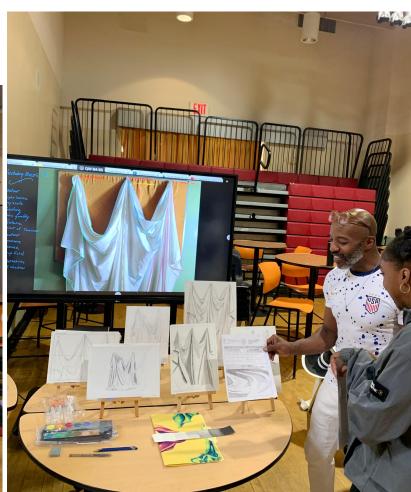
We are so lucky to have Ms. Lyamets as one of our valued Speech Pathologists. She has developed positive relationships with her students and keeps them engaged in learning bell to bell! She is always positive and cheerful and brings sunshine to everyone's day!! Students seek her out for help, support, or just to check in even when they do not have a session. We appreciate all that you do!

# Academics - Athletics Awards Banquet 5/28/25



# Academics - Teacher Showcase of Learning 6/6/25





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# Academics - Boys Volleyball Champions 6/11/25



# Senior Awards Banquet 6/13/25



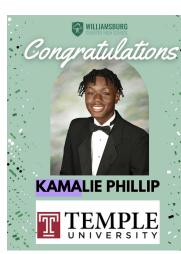


# 2025 College Decisions!

Decision Day Celebration was held on May 28th.

Currently **92** students made their post secondary decision! Approximately half are attending CUNY Approximately 20 Living on Campus (SUNY, Privates, UCONN) Approximately 4 are attending HBCU Others are attending Trade Schools and Military Options













# **Senior Data**



### Class of 2025

213 Students in the Class of 2025

1 Early Graduate: Class of 2026

Students in Good Standing! ON TRACK 137 | 127 Last Mont

Slightly OFF TRACK: 45 50 Last Month

OFF TRACK Severely Undercredited: 31 Last Month 36

#### **Regent Accumulation:**

123 Students completed all 5 regent exams

**6** Students Qualify for CDOS Credential 4 towards a Superintendent Determination and 2 towards their Plus 1 Exam

24 students can potentially earn an advanced regents diploma

#### **5th Year Seniors**

48 Students

Class of 2021: 3 Students

Class of 2022: 6 Students

Class of 2023: 11 Students

Class of 2024: 28 Students

1 Graduate has finished Requirements in January

#### Senior Fun:

Prom May 30th: Is Happening we now have 90 attendee's

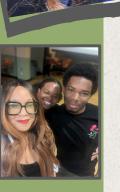
Senior Trip Kalahari: CANCELLED

Senior Trip Grad Night at Six Flags: June 6th 6 Students Paid Still Advertising

### **Actions Taken to Support Senior Graduation Status:**

- Expanded Credit Recovery Options: Three sessions of Night School have been offered in addition to existing credit recovery programs. We are currently in Session 2. Session 3 will occur after senior grades are stored, providing students with a final opportunity to complete one additional course before graduation.
- Apex Enrollment and Deadlines: 46 Students are actively enrolled in Apex. 8 are 5th Year Seniors.
   The completion deadline is June 13th. Any students with incomplete Apex work by that date will be required to attend school during Regents Week to finish their courses.
- **Prom and Academic Accountability:** Students who are on track for graduation but failing Trimester 3 courses have been notified that Prom is tomorrow. Instead of removing them from Prom, they are required to attend school to work on academic recovery and maintain graduation eligibility. All other students attending Prom are excused from school for the day.
- Summer School Communication: All seniors who need or may need summer school have been directly emailed.
  - Families were also contacted and informed of their child's potential or confirmed summer school requirement based on current academic standing.
- Regents Preparation: Students in need of Regents exams have been provided with information and resources for Regents review and Regents Dates. About 53 students who are on track/ slightly on track with their credits: Need at least 1 regent (this means we will not know their actual graduation status until regents are done.









We wrapped up our final Virtual PLC Meeting on Thursday, June 12th, at 6 PM, and it was Amazing! Our special quest was Mr. Mark Davis, the Assistant Director of Admissions from Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield Commonwealth *University of Pennsylvania*. He walked us through the application process and shared some fantastic insights about over 80 majors and the different campuses and resources available to students. We also heard some **Important Updates for Seniors from** 

Ms. Martin & school news from Principal Jacobson. President Bowens shared a message about the importance of knowing your scholar's status and reaching out to your academy leaders. Ms. Pink provided valuable information on community resources and tips for scholars heading off to college.

Overall, it was a positive evening filled with great vibes, and we even had a fun Father's Day raffle! Thanks to everyone who joined us!



We'll also hear important updates for seniors from Principal Jacobson, a message from the PLC. Community Resource & Tips for Scholars heading off to college from Ms. Pink. Plus, we'll be spreading positive vibes all around! And don't forget about the PLC Father's Day raffle! We'll be giving away four \$25 Amazon gift cards to lucky winners. For more details, shoot an email to Ms. Pink at mpink@wcs.org.Make sure to check your email for login information. We can't wait to see you there!

Family engagement is thriving here at Williamsburg Charter High School! As your Parent Coordinator and Liaison to the Parent Leadership Council, I'm thrilled to share all the exciting things we are accomplishing. Our active Parent Leadership Council keeps families in the loop with the latest school news through monthly virtual meetings and in-person events. Plus, I'm here to provide fantastic resources to support your whole family each month.

As your Parent Coordinator, I introduced our scholars to a variety of youth opportunities and programs in the community. Thanks to partnerships forged by Principal Jacobson and myself, we're bringing some amazing programs into our school. For example, we have The WICK Against Violence Men's Program, workshops and health resources from Woodhull Hospital; The YMCA GREENPOINT Rowe Academy for college readiness, trips, and fairs; DAYONE with social emotional well being workshops for our scholars & YouthBridge who provides mentorship and advocacy. Additionally, our Brooklyn Neighborhood Services Financial Literacy Program teaches our scholars about finances, and they even receive a certificate and a \$500 stipend!

The Parent Leadership Council and I also host in-person events and holiday celebrations that bring our families together, creating a strong sense of community.

Looking ahead to the 2025-2026 school year, we're excited to boost family engagement even further. We're especially focused on increasing male involvement and encouraging participation from our Silver Swarm—those amazing adults aged 65 and up. We can't wait to see you in the 2025-2026 school year!

# Operations as of 6/24/25

- Generate Trimester 3 Grade Verifications, Report Cards and Spring STAR Assessment results letters
- Summer School 2025 staffing, planning, scheduling and course registration in PowerSchool; Late Registration 6/24-6/26
- Rock the Regents Saturday All Day Review Sessions 6/7, 6/14 & 6/21
- Proctoring Schedules, trainings, exam orders and supplies and scantrons and accommodation rooms and room assignments with Data, SNAS, and Counseling Department for June Regents Exams
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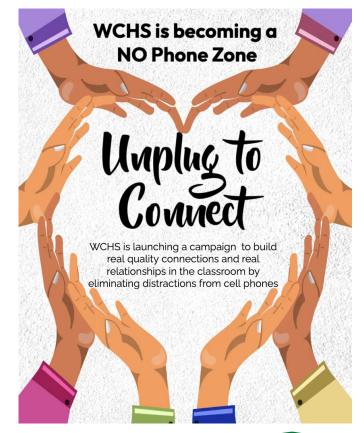


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  - Oxford/UHC Vision 0%
  - Oxford/UHC Life/ADD 0%
  - Voluntary Life/ADD 0%
  - Oxford/UHC LTD 0%
  - UNUM DBL 0%
- Renewal maintains consistency for faculty/staff:
  - Maintain benefits plans/networks
  - Does not increase out-of-pocket costs (deductibles/co-pays) or employee portion of benefits premium (semi-monthly payroll deduction)
- Post-renewal:
  - Work with our broker & HR Manager to explore additional benefits options, HSA accounts
    level-funding, and/or self-funding

# **Head of Operations Report**

- New cell phone removal pilot went into effect 7/29
  - Policy is a result of letter signed by 41 teachers, stakeholder surveys, research, and comparable policies going into effect at city and possibly state level
  - Cell phones are collected from students at the beginning of each day and returned at the end of day
  - Parents can call the Main Office at 718-782-9830 to contact their child during the day
- Continuing No Phone Zone Pilot Program from Summer School.
- We believe this will allow our students to be:
  - Engaged in classroom activities and assignments
  - Less dependent on electronics to do classwork
  - Less likely to engage in conversations around bullying
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# **Head of Operations Report**

Community Covenant Updates: WCHS as a "No Cell Phone Zone". Pending budget & results of the Pilot program, we may still consider Yondr—if students do bring a device, they must lock it in Yondr upon entry and can only unlock it upon exiting school. If students forget, lose or damage their Yondr, consequences will be issued as per the Community Covenant.

Vendor	Price	Quote
Yondr	\$25,155	Revised Quote 8-7-24
Jordiam LLC	\$85,000	Quote 8-1-24
Fixby	AUS\$9,532	Quote 8-9-24
Phone Locker	N/A	Cannot sell in US due to Yondr's patent



# **Head of Operations Report**

How will a phone/electronics-free school help?



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Ask: Requesting the Board update Community Covenant Cell Phone/Electronics policy to reflect students turn in phones upon arrival to be returned at the end of the day



# **Facilities**

1-The Department of Buildings conducted an elevator inspection on 6-17-25 & issued two non safety violation warnings. Elevator signage & updated test tags

2-Sealing work was conducted on our 2nd floor roof skylights

3-Two new air conditioning units are presently being installed replacing 2 burned out units on the roof

4-Facilities deep cleaning scheduled for

the Summer 2025





# Recruitment and Enrollment 7/16/24

	Jun. 23	Oct. 23	Nov. 23	Jan. 24	Feb. 24	Mar. 24	April 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	
PowerSc hool	908	775	775	779	772	767	766	758	758	597	
FY 24 FTE	922. 9	770. 6	775.8	773.5	772.5	770.8	770.8	770.5	770.5	768.1	
										Graduate	ed
										Will not A	Attend
										Aged-out	t

18

55

152

**Discharges** 

160

2/8-6/30/23

7/1/23-6/20/24

29

### Recruitment and Enrollment 1/27/25

### Recruitment/Marketing Plan

- Social Media Advertising
- In print and online publication advertising
- Radio advertising
- Cinema Screen advertising
- Bus route advertising
- In-person events with community organizations
- In-person high school fairs at local middle schools
- In-person open houses
- In-person school tours for middle schools
- Weekly Email blasts
- Mailings to local middle school counselors
- Mailings to NYC DOE mailing list and additional addresses in feeder zip codes
- Canvassing local establishments with updated brochures and postcards
- Seeking proposals for online lead generation services
- Seeking proposals for marketing/branding/reputation management services



### **Executive Consultant**

Update on organizational condition



### Recruitment and Enrollment 6/24/25

Powerschool	<u>ATS</u>	FTE*
663	666	658.249

- **1.** \*As per 3/14/25 Billing Document
- 2. 3 Pending Discharge in ATS, 151 Discharges and 29 Will Not Attend since 7/1/23; 94 Discharges, 10 Aged-out and 29 Will Not Attend since 7/1/24; 15 August graduates
- 3. 2021-22 Admissions Lottery on 4/12/21 at 6pm (~196 attendees); 2022-23 Admission Lottery on 4/4/22 at 6pm (Zoom Attendees: 162, In-person Attendees: 21, Volunteers: 23); 2023-24 Lottery on 4/4/23 (5 in-person, 71 online)
- **4.** 22-23 Incoming 9th Grade seats = 330; Incoming seats in grades 10th= 25, 11th= 25, 12th= 0
- **5.** SchoolMint Applications:

	4/1/21	4/1/22	4/1/23	4/1/24	4/1/25
9th Gr	415	408	279	253	230
10th Gr	29	54	39	42	26
11th Gr	23	39	19	20	20
12th Gr	7	13	11	14	10
Total	474	514	348	335	286



# Recruitment and Enrollment as of 6/23/25

Grade Level	Total in Grade	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
9	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	108
	M 64 /F 46	M 0 /F 0	M 0 /F 0	M 0 /F 0	M 1 /F 1	M 63 /F 45			
10	141	0	0	0	0	0	2	139	0
	M 82 /F 59	M 0 /F 0	M 0 /F 0	M 1 /F 1	M 81 /F 58	M 0 /F 0			
11	153	0	0	0	0	1	152	0	0
	M 83 /F 70	M 0 /F 0	M 0 /F 1	M 83 /F 69	M 0 /F 0	M 0 /F 0			
12	259	3	6	11	27	212	0	0	0
	M 116 /F 143	M 1 /F 2	M 5 /F 1	M 7 /F 4	M 16 /F 11	M 87 /F 125	M 0 /F 0	M 0 /F 0	M 0 /F 0
Total	663	3	6	11	27	213	154	141	108
	M 345 /F 318	M 1 /F 2	M 5 /F 1	M 7 /F 4	M 16 /F 11	M 87 /F 126	M 84 /F 70	M 82 /F 59	M 63 /F 45



### Recruitment and Enrollment 6/23/25

### **Lottery Application for 2025-26**

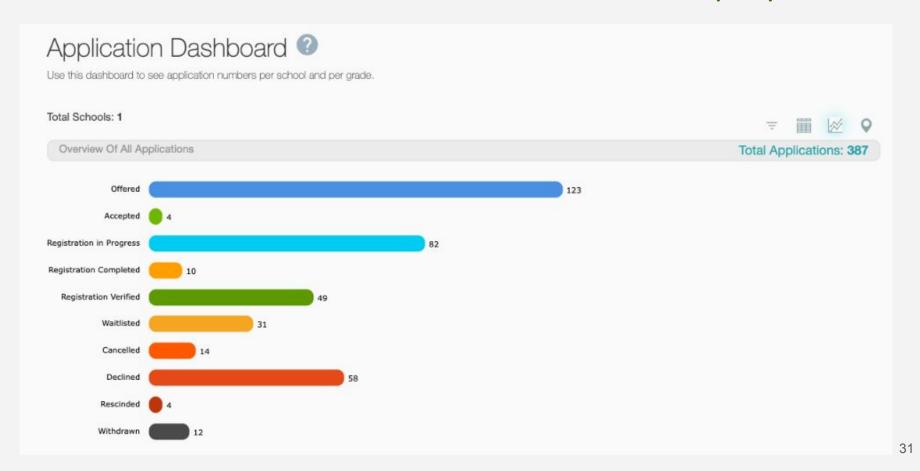
- Lottery Deadline 4/1/25
- Lottery 4/2/25
- 289 Applications as of 4/2/25
- 25-26 Seats Declared: 9th Gr 220, 10th Gr 25; 11th Gr 10; 12th Gr 0

### Applications as of 6/23/25:

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
279	54	35	19	387



# SY 25-26 Recruitment and Enrollment as of 6/23/25



# Recruitment and Enrollment 6/23/25

#### Open House (s):

June 14th - 14 Families

#### • Recruitment:

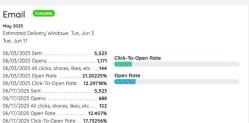
- Outreach
  - i. CB4 Shape Up Bushwick
  - ii. Family Game Night by ReForum Consulting in Flatbush
  - iii. Bushwick-Hylan Community Center Carnival
  - iv. Unity in the Community at Urban Assembly Unison
- Community Engagement
  - i. Visits:
    - 1. JHS 126
    - Northside
    - 3. IS 318
    - 4. Neighboring businesses and CBOs
  - ii. Bushwick Community Partnership Meeting
    - 1. Reengaging IS 291

#### • Digital Performance:

Instagram

### Taradel







# Recruitment and Enrollment 6/23/25

### **Retention Strategies:**

### **Graduation Pop Ups**

- JHS 383
  - Reengaging current their Principal
- One rising 9th grader enrolled
  - o IS 318
- Strengthening relationship with current
  - Parent Coordinator
- Five rising 9th graders enrolled



## **Finance**

#### WCHS Financial Update Board Meeting – June 24, 2025

This is the Financial Statement as of April 30, 2025 total collected revenue for the period \$12,818,775 million. (93% Per Pupil Revenue, 7% other)

Total expenses for the period \$13,752,200 million. (56% Personnel Services, 10% Contracted Services, 21% Rent, 2%

Utilities, 11% Other expenses)

Total revenue over expenses for the period is \$(933,425)

Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10.8	Bank Acct, Petty Cash,
Account Receivable	0	Title Funds
Total Fixed Assets	2.1	Leasehold improvement, Furniture,
		Equipment, software
New Building	4.2	New Building Cost
Building Security Deposit	1.5	Rent Deposit
Prepaid expenses and Deposits	361,378	Utility, Insurances, other
Total Assets	19.0	
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable, Accrued expenses	319,387	Bills, Accrued salaries/taxes
Unearned Revenue	2.0	Advanced Per Pupil fund
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	19.0	5.9Unrestricted Net Assets

#### Notes:

- 403B audit has been completed
- Interim Audit was completed and reviewed with the Finance committee "No findings"
- General Audit is Scheduled for August 27th.



### **Human Resources**

- May New Hires 3 Operations.
- May Separations 2 Operations.
- LOA 2 Operations employees are currently on Leave.
- Continue staffing the new *in house* facilities cleaning crew.
- Worked with our Broker to wrap up the 2025/2026 Benefits renewal.
- Sent a survey to gauge interest in an Employee paid STD policy. UNUM requires at least 10 enrollments to write the insurance. The agreement will be reviewed by Counsel and IHR Committee
- Updated the WCHS history/summary on all job postings for a fresh look.
- Spoke with the group overseeing our 403(b) vendor to get information on Secure 2.0 and setting up an ER match for student loan payments vs. the normal match to an EE contribution. TBD as we are looking at standalone vendors.
- Worked with Finance on the additional 403(b) audit.
- Recruiting, recruiting, recruiting.





# Accountability and Development

#### **Accountability**

- Ratification of May Approvals
  - April board minutes
  - Request to approve a 3% salary increase for the 2025-26 school year starting August 16, 2025 for all faculty and staff employed as of that date.
  - WCHS renewed existing benefit plans as is and absorb the cost of the premium increase for each plan level for 2025-26
- 360 Leadership Survey circulated
- NYSED Check-In Update
  - Ms. Marshall followed-up with fingerprinting questions from 2023-24 and certification questions. Clarifying documentation was provided to the authorizer.
- Summer Reporting
  - o 2025-26 Title I planning has begun
  - SSEC report due mid July (opens in June)
  - Annual Report due August 1
    - Disclosure of Financial Interest forms circulated to Board via Dropbox Sign

#### **Development/Community**

- Events
  - Partnering with Recruitment to plan WCHS Community Night at Brooklyn Cyclones game on 8/29, using funds from recent film shoot to purchase 150 tickets x \$13/each. WCHS will be able throw out the first pitch and have a parade around the field prior to the game. Tickets will be distributed to first 150 community members to claim, additional tickets will be available for purchase via link.
  - WCHS will raffle off opportunity to throw out the first pitch as a fundraiser (\$5/entry).
  - We are accepting donations to purchase t-shirts for the event via Zelle - <u>kfernandez@thewcs.org</u>.
     Write "t-shirt donation".

#### **Fundraising**

- Total Raised = **\$37,905** 
  - Film shoot on 6/15 \$2,000
- Grants
  - Planning for Walentas Grant application due August 1 (\$25,000)

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