



# Newsletter

October 2022

## EVENTS



**LEADER'S LOUNGE**  
OCT 5, 12, 19  
@ 12:30 PM ET



**TAKE 5 TALKS**  
OCTOBER 25  
@ 1 PM ET

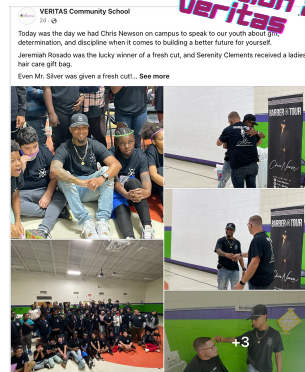


**IT ROUNDTABLE**  
OCTOBER 13  
@ 1 PM ET



**FULL CALENDAR,  
SIGN UPS, AND  
TOPIC LISTS**

## THE CFA NETWORK ON FACEBOOK



**celebrating fall at unity**

Western School of Science and Technology: A Challenge Foundation Academy ...  
West Family:  
89% Discipline and Obedience has many benefits, including increased empathy skills, generosity, kindness, teamwork, and social maneuvering.  
A CSD club is in the midst of an epic adventure. Get involved and join the campaign today! ...  
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**dungeons and dragons at western**



## Board Corner

### HOW LONG IS YOUR MEETING?



Do you feel like you need to pack a sleeping bag when you head to your board meeting? Do you spend more time driving to the meeting instead of actually in the meeting?

While something you probably don't pay much attention to on a regular basis, the length of your meeting can be a tell-tale sign of the health of your school board.

A meeting can be categorized like the three bears- they are either...



**TOO SHORT: UNDER 60 MINUTES**  
**TOO LONG: TWO+ HOURS**  
**JUST RIGHT: ABOUT 90 MINUTES**

**TOO SHORT:** If your meetings are too short, consider:

1. Do you have appropriate skill sets represented on the board?
2. Are your board members encouraged to speak up with questions or comments (even the quiet board members)?
3. Do you get sufficient information prior to the board meeting to give board members time to analyze and process the material?

**TOO LONG:** If your meetings are too long, you may start to lose board members. Before that happens, consider:

1. Do Board Members know prior to the meeting what actions items they will be expected to act on?
2. Are your board members prepared--did they do their homework?
3. Do you set time limits on presentations?
4. Do you focus solely on board decisions- not administrative minutia that is better left to your administrator?

Evaluate your progress in this area each month if this is something that challenges your board.

Want to know more?

Join us each month for Take 5 Talks.

You can see the video of the Sept T5T [HERE](#).

