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WINOOSKI SCHOOLS

We are the future.

All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community.

Superintendent's Board Report

Action Items: The Winooski administration recommends that the board approve all of the following action items:

5. Consent Agenda: (5 Minutes)

- a) Minutes of Meetings: January 10, 2018
- b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Approval of Bills
- c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - Approve Contract Recommendation
 - Deborah George, Long-Term Sub for K. Rittenburg, K-5 Special Ed.
 - WSD Administrative Contracts
- d) Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - Superintendent Report
 - Child Care Parking Lot Agreement

Discussion & Action Items: Please review backup for the following items.

6. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II): (20 Minutes)

- a) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Approve FY 17 Audit Report

7. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (50 Minutes)

- a) Policy Title: 4.1.b Governing Style: Encouragement of a Diversity of Views
 - Student Report to the Board

- b) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - 1st Reading, Policy #5146: Whole Child and School Wellness
 - 1st Reading, Policy #6151: Course Offerings and Class Size
 - c) Policy Title: 4.2.4 Board Job Description
 - Meeting with Legislators
 - d) Policy Title: 4.3 Handling Operational Complaints
 - Approve Board Monitoring Report
- e) Policy Title: 4.8 Governance Investment
 - Discuss/Review Board Monitoring Report

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:

- **WSD Logo:** I presented the logo and GX icons designed by Imaj to the JFK and WMHS Leadership teams for feedback and we are very close to final products. [Please see the core logo with a few variations and the GX icons here.](#)
- **Winooski Penguin Plunge: \$8191 raised.** Over 40 plungers participated in the 2018 Penguin Plunge as part of our Winooski Spartans Team. 10% of the donations will be returned to WSD to support our growing Unified Sports team with over 30 athletes.
- **Barr Grant:** The team traveled to Cambridge, MA on January 29-30 for the first “Learning Community” session with the following objectives:
 - Build each site’s capacity to establish and manage a successful planning process
 - Learn about each site’s Wider Learning Ecosystem vision, planning approaches, and anticipated challenges
 - Develop new relationships by discussing approaches and brainstorming strategies to address common Challenges
 - Learn from experts and reflect on how to build an equitable, inclusive redesign process that effectively engages all relevant stakeholders

The team who is working on this planning grant continues to meet and construct a detailed work plan for broadening learning opportunities for our students..

- **Winter Transportation Pilot:** Our pilot started successfully on Tuesday, January 16th. Parents & Youth for Change led by Infinite Culcleasure has been tremendous in recruiting volunteers to help at bus stops and ride buses. Also, thanks to the City for allowing students to wait inside the O’Brien Center lobby. Below is the ridership data thus far and we have seen a modest decrease in average absences from January 2018 to January 2018.

Week	Avg. Riders Per Run
Jan 16-19	31.6
Jan 22-26	33.8
Jan 29-Feb 2	34.6

- **WSD Capital Project Committee (CPC):** We had a very successful Visioning Workshop on January 31st. Our next committee meeting is Tuesday, Feb 13th, 3:15-5 in the library. On Thursday & Friday, February 15-16, and Tuesday, February 20 we will be holding Programming Meetings where specific

stakeholder groups (e.g. ELL, PTO, WMHS Leadership team) will meet with with Trux Collins to provide detail about their needs.

- **Wellnooski/Promise Community:** The Steering Committee and the City of Winooski have been working diligently to find a suitable childcare/preschool operator for the O'Brien Community Center (OCC). The Wellnooski/Promise Community funds can be used to renovate the back of the OCC for a new operator to open in January 2019. We are hopeful to procure an operator who will be supported by many community partners to realize our vision for increased childcare capacity in Winooski. We hope to have a more defined announcement by March.
- **Winooski Housing Commission:** Our group has met four times and met on December 13th to present and discuss [preliminary housing goals](#) with the Planning Commission. These housing goals will be in the context of Area Median Income (AMI) affordability brackets to set parameters for future housing growth and turnover. [All agendas, meeting minutes and supporting documents can be found here.](#)
- **BTV Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):** I have joined City Manager Jessie Baker on this committee which is reviewing the current status of the Noise Compatibility Program and Noise Exposure Map so the committee can make recommendations about which federal programs to access in the future to mitigate sound and other challenges related to airport noise. Our next meeting is January 23rd. Committee documents can be found here: <http://www.btvsound.com/ncp-update/documents/>
- **Legislative Work**
 - [Full text of Governor Scott's State of the State Address \(1/4/2018\)](#)
 - **2018 Education Legislative Reports:**
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue 3](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue 2](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue 1](#)

WSD Goals

Goal #1: College & Career Readiness

- The WIDA ACCESS testing for all of Winooski's English Language Learners has begun. The WIDA ACCESS assesses the four domains of English: reading, writing, speaking and listening. It provides valuable data for ELL and mainstream teachers as they help develop students' English language proficiency. The test window runs until Friday, March 9th.
- The high school math lab hosted the second visit of a team of math teachers and administrators from the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union. WNESU is very interested in implementing a similar approach to teaching math in their high school and learned a lot from observing our students and teachers in action.
- Starting in January, JFK literacy coach Jennifer Lapointe has been working with Gayle Moskowitz from Partnerships for Literacy and Learning to support our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade teachers in their ELA planning and implementation. The studio type professional development is aimed at these specific grades due to the large academic jump in reading between 2nd and 3rd grade.

Goal #2: Healthy, Productive & Successful Lives

- Kym Asym, from NFI, has been hired as a PBiS and Trauma coach for JFK through the coaching funds of our BEST grant. Kym is working with our K/1 teachers through observation, direct feedback, and meetings to help strengthen and align our PBiS work with our developmental trauma work. Kym is targeting these two grade levels to help students develop skills at an early age to help them throughout their school experiences.

Goal #3: Local & Global Community Engagement

- On Friday, February 2nd the Winooski Middle School ELL department sponsored the fourth annual International Peace Meal at the Winooski Senior Center. Aftaba Mezetovic, our ELL program assistant, organized the event which included dishes representative of the cultures of WSD, Bhutanese Nepali dancing and student poetry reading. The senior center hosted close to 75 people for the event.
- On January 10 Nexus 7/8 hosted their Expedition's culminating event on *Working Conditions: Then & Now* in the Champlain Mill. Students presented on current working conditions in a variety of industries ranging from agriculture to textile to technology. Parents, friends and community members attended and the Mill reviewed the successful event and partnership in their own newsletter.
- JFK is participating in the Big Change Roundup again this year. Thirteen adults in the building have agreed to participate in the competition this year. The adult that raises the most money gets to dress up in an inflatable T-Rex outfit for the day.
- On Saturday, February 3rd, Waterworks partnered with JFK and Everybody Wins! in an effort to raise money to reopen JFK as an Everybody Wins! mentoring site next year. 10% of the proceeds made from brunch on that day go directly to funding the effort. A huge thank you to Craig Mitchell for organizing the event!

Finance/Operations

- The audit team from Fothergill, Segale & Valley has completed their field work and the audit for FY17, which will be presented at the board meeting. The current fund balance is \$300,461.
- At the end of January, our fund balance for FY18 is favorably forecasted at \$41K or less than 1% of the voter-approved budget. The forecast includes assumptions for the health reimbursement accounts expenses.
- On January 17, a representative from Health Equity presented information to employees on the Health Reimbursement Accounts which went into effect January 1, 2018. The transition to the new healthcare plans is complete and running well.
- The projected balance of the Reserve Fund is currently \$388K. This balance includes encumbrances for the Central Office Renovations, IT Firewall and WSD Capital Project Committee work. The parking lot project is complete and all expenses have been paid.