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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:

6. Consent Agenda: (5 Minutes)

- a) Minutes of Meetings: February 14, 2018
- b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Approval of Bills
- c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - Approve Teacher Contracts for 2018-19 SY
- d) Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - Superintendent Report
 - Approval of School Calendar for 2018-19 SY
- e) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - 2nd Reading, Policy #5146: Whole Child and School Wellness
 - 2nd Reading, Policy #6151: Course Offerings and Class Size
- f) Policy Title: 4.8 Governance Investment
 - Accept Board Monitoring Report

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

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

- a) Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
 - Superintendent Monitoring Report - Review/Discuss/Approve

8. **Board-Management Delegation (Policy Section III): (15 Minutes)**

- a) Policy Title: 3.4 Monitoring Superintendent Performance
 - Discussion: Board Monitoring Report

9. **Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (30 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 #3545, Transportation
 - 1st Reading, Policy #6144a, Animal Dissection

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:

- **School Safety & Security:** As you know a lot has been happening since the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Here are some examples of the work we are doing locally:
 - Immediately following the recent tragedy a message with resources was shared with parents and staff.
 - WSD Leadership team has prepared for potential student walkouts on March 14th and April 20th by working with staff and students to be proactive, and to provide a safe environment for student expression with clear limits.
 - Legislative advocacy for increased school safety measures including increased gun control, mental health services and funding for upgrading school security.
 - Staff discussion on March 8th using the following prompts:
 - Share your reflections on how you have been feeling about the recent school tragedy in Parkland from your personal (citizen, parent, etc) and/or your professional perspective.
 - **School safety** is defined as schools and school-related activities where students are safe from violence, bullying, harassment, and substance use. Safe schools promotes the protection of students from violence, exposure to weapons and threats, theft, bullying, and the sale or use of illegal substances on school grounds.
 - In terms of school safety...
 - Discuss what we do well.
 - Discuss what we can do better.
 - **School security** is defined as certain practices, such as locking or monitoring doors and gates, are intended to limit or control access to school campuses, while others, such as the use of metal detectors and security cameras, are intended to monitor or restrict students' and visitors' behavior on campus.
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 - State-mandated school safety assessment to be completed by March 30th with report to AOE.
 - **Winter Transportation Pilot:** Our pilot started successfully on Tuesday, January 16th. Parents & Youth for Change continues to be a tremendous support of this pilot. We added a bus stop on March 7th at the corner of Elm St. and Mallets Bay Ave. to increase access. Below is the ridership data thus far and we have seen a modest decrease in average absences from January 2017 to January 2018, however we experienced an increase in average absences from February 2017 to February 2018 primarily due to the harsh flu season.

Week	Avg. Riders Per Run
Jan 16-19	31.6

Jan 22-26	33.8
Jan 29-Feb 2	34.6
Feb 5-9	37.3
Feb 12-16	36.5
Feb 19-23	36.1

- **WSD Capital Project Committee (CPC):** We had a very successful Visioning Workshop on January 31st and Programming Meetings where specific stakeholder groups (e.g. ELL, PTO, WMHS Leadership team) on February 15-16, and 20th met with with Trux Collins to provide detail about their needs. Our next committee meeting is Tuesday, March 13th, 3:15-5 in the library. [The “Guiding Statements” developed from all of this work can be viewed here.](#) We will begin to publicize this endeavor more frequently with families and the broader community moving forward.
- **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. Trinity Children’s Center has decided not to pursue this opportunity and we now have one remaining potential operator.
- **Winooski Housing Commission:** Our group has met five 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 March 13th. 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 5](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue 4](#)
 - [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

- Congratulations to Business teacher Courtney Poquette for her recent recognition by Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF) as their “FinHero of the Month February 2018!” The accolade followed a very articulate and positive interview with Courtney which can be read in [this blog by Christian Sherrill](#). A month ago Courtney was invited to lead 1-2 sessions at the NGPF Summit in San Francisco, March 16-

18, all expenses paid. She is making an impact on financial literacy education in Vermont, and is being recognized at the national level!

- The WIDA ACCESS testing for all of Winooski's English Language Learners is done. All K-12 students identified as ELL and qualifying for services have been tested.
- This year Vermont is changing the high school grade SBAC assessments to 9th grade from 11th grade. For more information on this change please visit this [AOE FAQ page](#).
- SBAC Math and ELA testing will begin in March with 5th grade testing March 20th-23rd, 4th grade testing March 27th-30th, 3rd grade testing April 3rd-6th, and 6th-9th grade testing April 10th-13th.
- Sara and Stefanie attended the [Teachers Development Group 2018 Leadership Seminar](#) on Mathematics March 7th - 10th. There were amazing seminars around math, mathematical learning, equity in instruction, and teacher professional development. Stefanie and Sara will be bringing the new learning back to JFK and WSD.

Goal #2: Healthy, Productive & Successful Lives

- On Friday, February 23rd the Lorax visited JFK Elementary to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and "I Love To Read and Write Month" by reading his book to students and talking about the importance of taking care of the environment. He also wanted a photo op with a T-Rex.
- Congratulations to JFK teacher Andy Schlatter for raising the most money for the Big Change Roundup. Andy wore the T-Rex outfit at school on February 23rd as a reward for winning. JFK raised a total of \$1655.81 for the Vermont Children's Hospital.
- On February 16th a record number of families (over 40!) participated in the Winooski Early Childhood Child Find. Three and four year olds were screened in the areas of Speech & Language Skills, Motor Skills, Adaptive Skills, Personal/ Social Skills, and Academic/Cognitive skills. This screening is play based and free for 3 and 4 year old children, living in Winooski.
- Prevent Child Abuse Vermont in collaboration with Head Start will be offering "Nurturing Parents" trainings to our Head Start families; they will be open this to the general community as well. The series in Winooski, for parents of children ages 0-5, will be offered on Tuesday nights starting March 13th through June 12th. This program has been proven effective in increasing family cohesion, empathy, and self-esteem, and in decreasing family conflict. It is offered free of charge.
- 6th graders has a special celebration for their incredible work habits as indicated on their report cards. The PTO generously made popcorn and students took some time to get caught up on assignments to keep up the good work and play some quiet games.
- On March 12th, 28 of our WMHS Unified Sports Bowling Team members will attend their tournament at Twin City Lanes in Barre. Led by coach Tim Rich, students have been practicing since December! Students are learning a lifelong sport, as well as having a lot of fun!
- Tamara McLaughlin, the Champlain Valley Head Start Environmental Health and Safety Consultant, will begin her spring visits to our Head Start classrooms this month. The following key performance areas will be reviewed: Safe and Clean Environments, Safe and Sanitary Practices, and safe transportation. We will be assessed using the Environmental Health & Safety (EnvHS) Protocol. This instrument is used to gather information to assess performance in ensuring safe and healthy environments for children, families, and staff.
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Goal #3: Local & Global Community Engagement

- 7/8 Nexus attended *Jabber* at the Flynn Theater. This play explores what it's like to be 16 years-old, a girl, a Muslim and a refugee.
- The middle school hosted Leadership Champlain, a group of local business professionals developing their leadership, to tour the school and learn about some of our innovative practices. Some students from 7/8 Nexus showed off their Expedition work on "Working Conditions: Then and Now" and 6th graders performed their shadow plays from Related Arts.

- On March 5th, Outright Vermont came and did a training with the teachers and liaisons at JFK. The training centered around gender, gender identity, and allyship.
- February has been a busy month for our high school students who attend the Bridging Program. Students visited CCTV, VT Public Radio, and City Market where they learned how to make healthy snacks. Students are working to enhance community connections and independent living skills. They continue to work with the Green Mountain Self Advocates, where they learn to speak about themselves and their disabilities. They are continuing to work on a Fairy and Goblin Theater Photography project with visiting artist, Melanie Webb.

Finance/Operations

- At the end of February our fund balance for FY18 is favorably forecasted at \$39K or less than 1% of the voter-approved budget. The forecast includes assumptions for the health reimbursement accounts expenses.
- The budget for Health Care Reimbursements for FY18 is \$ 281,260. As of March 7, 2018, we have expend \$ 119K or 42% of the budget.
- 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.