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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: April 11, 2018
- b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Approval of Bills
- c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - Accept Superintendent Monitoring Report
- d) Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - Superintendent Report
- e) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - Adopt Policy #6146, Responsible Use of Technology
 - Adopt Policy #6171, Parental Involvement
- f) Policy Title: 4.2.5 Appoint External Auditor

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

7. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II): (10 Minutes)

- a) Policy Title: 2.1 Treatment of Student, Parents/Guardians & Community
 - Review/Approve Superintendent Monitoring Report
- b) Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
 - Action: Facility Evaluation - \$20K from Capital Reserve
- c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - Teacher Contracts
 - Kyle Blindow- .2 FTE Physical Education
 - Grace Holcomb- .5 FTE Elementary Guidance Counselor
 - Rachel Howes- 1.0 FTE Science
 - Thierry Uwilingiyimana- 1.0 FTE Science

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

- a) Policy Title: 3.4 Monitoring Superintendent Performance
- Review/Discuss Performance Survey

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
- c) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
- Discussion: 1st Reading, Policy #5111-Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying
 - Discussion: 1st Reading, New Policy #????-Comprehensive Sexual Health
- d) Policy Title: 4.2.4 Legislative Update
- Discussion: read [“Gov. Scott 5-Year Plan”](#)
- e) Policy Title: 4.2.5 Appoint External Auditor
- f) Policy Title: 4.5 Agenda Planning
- Review/Discuss Board Monitoring Report

10. **Community Engagement**

- b) Discussion: Winooski Student Focus Group Report

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:

● **Job Postings for 2018-19**

- Elementary Special Education Teacher (1.0 FTE): Finalist interviews week of May 7th
- Elementary Guidance Counselor (.5 FTE): On agenda for approval
- Elementary/Middle School Physical Education (.2 FTE): On agenda for approval
- High School Special Education Teacher/Therapeutic Classroom (1.0 FTE): Finalist interviews week of May 7th
- Speech Language Pathologist (1.0 FTE): Finalist interviews week of May 7th
- Middle/High School Music Teacher (1.0 FTE): Finalist interviews week of May 7th
- Middle/High School Science Teacher (1.0 FTE): On agenda for approval

- **WSD Capital Project Committee (CPC):** Our next committee meeting is Tuesday, May 8th, 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. Our first public sharing of this project is on page 2 of the [April District Newsletter article entitled “Beautiful Environments Create Beautiful Children”!](#)

In December 2016, the board authorized the use of \$15K from the Capital Reserve Account to begin a feasibility study for possible expansion/remodel of the current campus building. We contracted with Joseph Architects, LLC to explore the areas for potential growth and they completed the initial study. As was reported earlier, we shifted gears in December 2017 and have partnered with TruexCullins for the remaining components of the project. To date we have nearly spent the \$15K through the following investments:

- Payments to Joseph Architects, LLC in FY17 \$5,467 and FY18 \$3,135
- Payments to TruexCullins, Inc in FY18 in \$6,311
 - Total services paid from Capital Reserve Account \$14,914

In addition, we have made one payment to TruexCullins, Inc in FY18 for \$3,209, from the operating budget. We will be asking the board to approve up to \$20K from the Capital Reserve Account at the May meeting to complete a comprehensive facility evaluation component of the process.

- **Winooski City Council Branding & Marketing Strategy**

- **Winooski Housing Commission:** Our group has met seven 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.](#)
- **Legislative Work**
 - **2018 Education Legislative Reports:**
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue #8](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue #7](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue #6](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue #5](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue #4](#)
 - [2018 Education Legislative Report Issue #3](#)

WSD Goals

Goal #1: College & Career Readiness

- Students in the Personal Finance class often ask why everyone doesn't learn about managing finances. They made the following video to share their insights with the world: [Financial Literacy at Winooski High School](#)
- Heirloom Luong, Izzi McMillan and Carter Irish along with coach Gina Krol had a strong performance at the 4th Annual Vermont Tech Bridge Building Competition in April. The team placed 3rd out of 78 teams middle school teams from across the state. Check out the article about [their](#) experience at the competition.
- Destiny Syharaj received Honorable Mention recognition in the NGPF Payback Challenge, which includes a \$500 education award! Destiny is one of three Vermont students receiving honorable mention, and 150 in the US. [Here is the public service announcement.](#)

Goal #2: Healthy, Productive & Successful Lives

- 2nd year HS student Najib Ali continues to be on a blaze and crushed his previous school record. During the Essex Vocational invitational Najib ran a 9:55.55 in the 3000m, His previous record was 10:41.71.
- The Middlebury College Women's Water Polo team has invited WMHS New American students to their pool on Sunday, May 6th to learn about water safety basics. Students will be travelling down by bus, buddying up with a college student and spending the afternoon learning about water safety in and out of the pool.

Goal #3: Local & Global Community Engagement

- [Banking on the Future: Winooski Teacher Primes Students for Financial Success](#) - This is a fantastic article about the state of financial literacy education in Winooski, highlighting Courtney!
- 8th to 9th Parent Night, May 14th, 6-7 pm: This event for parents of rising 9th graders will orient parents and guardians to our high school structure, opportunities, expectations and supports.
- On Thursday, April 19th, WSD hosted several state education agency representatives from all across the country as part of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Innovation Lab Network Spring Convening. The visitors observed the iLab and high school newcomer ELL program and 2 elementary classrooms. They were all impressed with the work we're doing in Winooski.

Finance/Operations

- At the end of April our fund balance for FY18 is favorably forecasted at \$28K or less than 1% of the voter-approved budget. The forecast includes assumptions for the health reimbursement accounts expenses.
- The budget for Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) for FY18 is \$281,260. As of April 30, 2018, we have expended \$197K or 70% of the budget.
- The projected balance of the Reserve Fund is currently \$390K.

- Interviewing will begin this week for the new Human Resources Coordinator.
- Summer Food Service Application has been submitted and we plan on serving breakfast and lunch from June 25 to August 3 this summer. (No service on July 4th)