



# 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: December 12, 2018 and January 2, 2019
  - b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
    - Approval of Bills
  - c) Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
    - Superintendent Report
      - Approval of WHS School Choice Capacities (Act 129) for 2018-19
      - Approve Announced Tuition for 2018-19
  
6. **Executive Limitations (Policy Section II):** (15 Minutes)
  - a) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
    - FY19 Quarter 2 Financial Management
  - b) Policy Title: 2.4 Financial Planning & Budgeting
    - Action: Adoption of 2019-20 Winooski School District Budget
    - Action: [Adoption of 2019-20 Budget Warnings](#)
    - Discussion: [Review Annual Report to Voters](#)
  - c) Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
    - WSD Capital Project Update: Community Engagement Timeline
  
7. **Governance Processes (Policy Section IV):** (60 Minutes)
  - b) Policy Title: 4.1.6 Governing Style: Board Performance
    - Discussion: Mid-Year Progress Update
  - c) Policy Title: 4.2.4 Board Job Description
    - Plan Meeting with Legislators

## **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:**

- **School Choice Capacities for 2019-2020:**
  - Based on [Act 129](#) (Public School Choice in Grades 9-12 & Other Laws):

- The WSD administration recommends the board set the number of students who can exercise school choice and attend other VT public high schools at 25.
    - Current 2018-19: 11 students out
  - The WSD administration recommends the board set the number of students we can receive at 15 based on our demographics and student needs.
    - Current-2018-19: 6 students in
- **Announced Tuition for 2019-2020:** Announced tuition is an estimate of allowable tuition reported by districts receiving tuition students. We do not currently have any tuition students. The WSD administration recommends the board approve the following Announced Tuition amounts for 2019-20:
  - Kindergarten: \$14,007
  - Grades 1-6: \$14,007
  - Grades 7-12: \$18,205
- **Water Main Break update:** All Seasons Excavation (ASE) were at the school until 10:30pm on Wednesday, January 3rd completing the short-term fix on the pipes so we could be open for students and staff on Thursday. The traffic flow plan worked well with parents being able to loop around the barriers and continue to drop students in the morning and all buses dropping off and picking up in the back of the building.
- **WSD Capital Project Committee (CPC):** The committee will meet on Tuesday, January 8th to review the community engagement plan. There will be four dates for evening tours of the facility and one Community Breakfast during January. More details shared at the board meeting.
- **WMHS Co-Principal Hiring process:** The position was posted on Schoolspring.com on November 5th and will close on January 11th. Currently, 28 candidates have applied. The Interview Team has been composed and has met twice to review confidentiality, develop a set of desired characteristics and skills and construct interview questions. First round interviews are slated for January 28-February 8 and final interviews including site visits will be February 11-22 culminating in a recommendation to hire to the board at the March 2019 meeting.
- **Legislative Work**
  - **2018 Education Legislative Reports:**
    - [2018 Education Legislative Wrap Up Report #10](#)

## **WSD Goals**

### **Goal #1: College & Career Readiness**

- The WIDA ACCESS testing for all of Winooski's English Language Learners will begin on Monday, January 7th. 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 8th.
- The WMS Nexus 7/8 team hosted their culminating event at VSAC. The Expedition *Finding Home: The Winooski Story* tasked students to interview people who work or live in Vermont and then turn their interview into a *Humans of Winooski style* published piece or StoryCorps work. The event got great news coverage too!
- The WMS Newcomer program culminated with a gallery showing of their work from their fall Expedition that asked: *Who am I and how do I want to be seen?* In addition to writing assignments, students worked with an artist-in-residence to take photos of each other and create self-portraits.
- In January Natalie Kinsey-Warnock will be coming to JFK to work with grades K-3 and our Newcomer class through the CLiF Grant. Natalie works with students on storytelling, and telling their family's story through photography, names, genealogy, family trees, artifacts, census information, and writing. Her six days at JFK should be a fantastic experience for our students.

## **Goal #2: Healthy, Productive & Successful Lives**

- Masiti Mohamed's Final Week: December 14th brought Masiti's work with our district to a close, as she and her children prepare for a big move to Ohio to be with Masiti's family. She became a vital member of our community during her 3+ years as our registrar, and will be dearly missed. Thank you, Masiti!
- Welcome, Angie Small, our new registrar. Angie has been getting oriented to the school and registrar position. When you have a minute, stop by and welcome her to our amazing community!
- JFK ELL teachers, Elizabeth Wood & Sarah Forbes, collaborated with the Old Spokes Home's Bike Bonanza to get over 20 of our JFK students gently used bikes before the December break. Old Spokes Home delivered bikes right to JFK the Friday before break.
- STEM and community are strong at WMS as the Nexus team challenged students with their annual sled building competition and the Journey team held a gingerbread house-building contest for some pre-winter vacation fun.

## **Goal #3: Local & Global Community Engagement**

- Senator Sanders Town Meeting: The week of December 9 was a Bernie week from beginning to end. It started Sunday around Noon with our high school chorus performing at a luncheon for the Senator at the Hilton. The Town Meeting on Friday the 14th was very positive. I felt incredible pride for our school and student body from beginning to end, from the ways staff prepared the students to the questions to the audience! I'm know the Senator was impressed as well based on my conversations with him and feedback from his staff.
- On Sunday, December 9th, Kirsten Kollgaard, Sean McMannon, Sara Raabe and Jason Ziter met with representatives of the Somali & Somali Bantu communities to discuss the relationship between our schools and the Department of Children & Families (DCF) and the role of school employees as mandated reporters. We were joined by Beth Maurer, the head of the Burlington DCF office. Kirsten plans to continue these conversations this school year with the Somali & Somali Bantu communities as well as our other New American communities.
- JFK will be participating in the WOKO Big Change Roundup again this year to raise money for the UVM Children's hospital. The year the staff member that raises the most money will get to be a unicorn at school for a day!

## **Finance/Operations**

- The team from Fothergill Segale & Valley has completed their field work and issued a draft audit. A final audit document has recently been received and will be on the February agenda.
- At the end of December our fund balance for FY19 is favorably forecasted at \$67K or .39% of the voter-approved budget. We have made assumptions for several open Instructional Assistant positions and Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA).
- The budget for Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) for FY19 is \$478,374. We have expended \$128K or 26% of the budget.
- The projected balance of the Capital Reserve Fund is currently \$365K.
- Facility Supervisor, Mick Muscat resigned in late December to accept a job in the private sector. Interviews for the replacement will begin mid- January.