

Superintendent's Report for the Windham School Board

Monday, October 3, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

Student/Staff Learning

1. All schools are now well underway. MAP assessments concluded last Friday, Sept. 30, for all students (except Marlboro).
2. The NECAP Science results from last spring's testing have been released by the state. John will report to the greatest extent possible without identifying any students (a real challenge given Windham's small class sizes).
3. Windham's staff participated in the SE Vermont Regional In-Service at Bellows Falls High School last Wednesday, Sept. 28. A panel of teachers and principals from five area schools (including Dover) shared the successful initiatives they implemented to improve student learning based on the research in *Roots of Success*. This document highlights eight elements common to the most effective schools in Vermont. See the *Roots of Success* summary previously shared with your board and attached again FYI. I suggest that this document may point to specific goals and means the board may want to establish to direct our future planning and budget development.

Policy/Regulation

1. Consider policies E11: Fraud Prevention and E12: Banking and Investment.
2. I will share a recent explanation from the DOE regarding the allocation of Title I funds within a supervisory union. This clarification responded to an inquiry from the Dover School Board.
3. As things stand now, Windham will have 171 student days this year. The state requires a minimum of 175. The required days may be added to the end of the year along with any snow days.

Finance/Accounting/Operations

1. We held a bargaining session with the WCEA last Wednesday, Sept. 26 at L&G. I can brief the board in executive session.
2. The WCSU audit will be completed in early October. The Newfane, L&G, and Winhall school districts are also being audited.
3. John and I will request an executive session to consider employee compensation.

Enrollment/Staffing

1. Jenn Chapin, Admin. Assistant for Special Education, resigned to accept her "dream job" in Houston. We are taking temporary measures to complete Jenn's work on short notice. We advertised this opening and Abby Dillon will lead the selection committee and process to recommend the best candidate for me to hire.
2. The relocation of office spaces at the WCSU building is now complete. Moving always provides a good opportunity to weed old files. We shredded nine boxes of confidential documents that are no longer required by law.

Informational Items

1. The Voluntary RED Study Committee Meeting will be Oct. 5, 7 P.M. at L&G Library. On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the committee's VSBA Consultant, John Everitt, plans to visit the four elementary schools represented. The date for the committee's meeting in November is the 2nd.
2. WCSU Negotiating Team meets Wed., October 19 at L&G, 5:00 P.M. to prepare for a bargaining session at 6:00 P.M.
3. The VSBA/VSA fall conference is October 20-21. I will attend and urge you to consider this opportunity.
4. On October 26, the WCSU Board Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 P.M. prior to the full board meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Jamaica Village School.

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