

Superintendent's Report for the Winhall School Board

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

Student/Staff Learning

1. The administrative office staff has shifted to Google Apps for email communications, calendaring, and collaboration sharing documents. The principals will adopt this change at the ATM Summer Retreat. The boards and all school employees will make this transition effective September 1st.
2. WCSU Admin. Team met Aug 16 – 18 for our annual planning retreat. I will email the retreat's agenda to all WCSU Board Members.

Policy/Regulation

1. Ward Kane's attorney, James Young, and I are preparing a joint stipulation document to establish all the facts of this case prior to the actual hearing. This should have been transmitted via email 7/19. The DOE's hearing officer, Ms. Crippen, has yet to set a date for the hearing. I will provide information re: a question regarding a "fact" in this case that as your Board's agent, I have not agreed to stipulate.
2. I recommend that the Board take action to specify the amount of money, if any, you want to approve for Pre-K tuition support. Is \$10,000 it, as previously discussed? FYI, no actual pre-k monies flow to the district, but an adjustment is made to the school tax rate.
3. Board appointed representatives from Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham attended the first meeting of the R.E.D. Study Committee on Aug 1 to elect officers, consider consultants and set the agenda for their future work. The VSBA Consultant, John Everitt, is advising the boards with this study. Emily Long was elected Chair and Leeann Parker was elected Clerk. The study is anticipated to take 12-18 months.

Finance/Accounting/Operations

1. The WCSU Consolidated Federal Grant proposal for FY12 less the approximately \$8k previously cut was approved by the DOE. I will adjust allocations based on student count to share this pain across the WCSU.
2. I will bring draft contracts for your bus drivers for you to sign. I recommend that the Board adopt the WCEA Cafeteria Plan as an Affiliate Employer effective July 1, 2011. At last month's meeting, we discussed this possible benefit to your employees.

Enrollment/Staffing

1. On August 15, Jennifer Connor officially started her work as the WCSU 21st Century Program Director to oversee the after-school program at seven schools this fall.
2. Lois Thibault is our new WCSU School Nurse for Jamaica, NewBrook, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Windham. Lois is a Newfane resident and has children attending NewBrook.
3. Susan Gunther-Mohr has agreed to counsel NewBrook students for half a day per week to augment Emily Bullock's 3.5 days counseling per week. Emily also works at

Townshend School 1.5 days/week and Susan works at L&G.

Informational Items

1. The full WCSU Board's Summer Retreat will be held Wed. Aug. 24 – 5:00 P.M. at the Hermitage. Please RSVP with Samantha in my office (\$25.00).
2. WCSU Negotiating Team meets Tuesday August 30 at L&G, 5:00 to prepare for a bargaining session at 6:00 P.M.
3. NewBrook joint board retreat, Thursday, September 1 – 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.
4. The WCSU Board will meet at 7:00 P.M. on October 26 at Jamaica Village School.

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