

**WINOOSKI BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Michael Decarreau-President, Tori Cleiland-Secretary, Jen Corrigan, Mohamed Abdi (arrived at 6:57 pm), Student Representatives: Rainbow Chen and Ledania Taylor

Board Members Absent: Julian Portilla

Others Present: Sean McMannon-Superintendent, see sign in sheet

1. Meeting opened at 6:40 pm by the President, Michael Decarreau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Mindfulness with Tori Cleiland.
2. **Agenda Review and Adjustments:** Add Addendum to the Consent Agenda, Change Executive Session Header from Contracts to Labor Relations/Negotiations.
3. **Focus on Learning:** Student Centered Learning – Superintendent, Sean McMannon thanked Leon Wheeler, Nancy Keller, Tom Payeur, Inge White, Andrea Wheeland, Matt Webb and Kate Grodin for their work on the WM/HS Leadership Team. Members of the WM/HS Leadership Team presented. Graduate Expectations (GXs) were the main focus of this team. GX Champs came from the keystone habit that is a practice that can lead to culture change. Teachers nominate a student when they use critical thinking and problem solving skills. Due to students learning in different ways various modes of learning are being set up: Math Lab, iLab, Studio and Magnet classes (GX focused) along with a variety of new ideas like All-House Community Time, Teacher Common Time, Snack, Lunch, Flex-time. A schedule for the 2016-17 school year is being created regarding the three houses. The houses would continue through all four years of high school. This will give middle school students more opportunities that will include more options for morning and afternoon arts rotation, more flexibility for gateway movement and move to trimesters. The team recommends having a GX Coordinator. Michael Decarreau told the group that their work is greatly appreciated. The goal is to implement this learning model by the fall of 2016. Board member questions included: Is there going to be more student involvement? How is this plan going to help parents understand it? Michael also thanked Amy Dickson for her participation.
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a) Minutes of Meetings: April 8, 2015
 - b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Approval of Bills
 - c) Policy Title: 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting
 - Accept Superintendent Monitoring Report
 - d) Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
 - Approve Purchase of Grounds Equipment
 - e) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - Approve Contract Recommendations:
 - Sean McMannon, Superintendent
 - Kristen Brown, Elementary Behavioral Coach, 2015/16 (1.0 FTE)
 - Caroline Bell, Elementary Classroom Teacher, 2015/16 (1.0 FTE)
 - Michele Michalski, Elementary Classroom Teacher, 2015/16 (1.0)
 - David McNally, High School Science Teacher (1.0 FTE)
 - Tony Settler, High School Guidance Counselor (1.0 FTE)

- f) Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - Superintendent Report
- g) Policy Title 4.2.2 Board Job Description
 - Adopt Policy #8312, Public Comments
 - Adopt Policy #5124, Graduation Requirements
 - Adopt Policy #5110, Attendance
 - Adopt Policy #6160, Educational Support System

Motion made by Jen Corrigan with a second by Tori Cleiland, to accept the Consent Agenda. All present in Favor.

Motion by, Tori Cleiland, with a second by Jen Corrigan to add Andrea Boon as an addendum to the Consent Agenda for a FTE 1.0 Middle School Math/Science Teacher position. All present in favor.

6. ENDS Monitoring (Policy Section I):

- a) Local Engagement Discussion
Michael Decarreau started the Local Engagement discussion - Locally engaged "What does that mean". A variety of individuals came together to discuss local engagement - John Stroup-Champlain College, Melissa Clark - WDS, Kinzang Gurung - Student WSD, Ro Ze Yar, Student WSD, Libby Houghton-WSD, Ben McShane - City of Winooski, Meghan Young - City of Winooski, Mike Winslow - Lake Champlain Committee, Hal Colston - Partnership for Change Director. Discussion included: Peace Jam - Educate, Inspire and Act. There are currently 17 students involved. One student said that Peace Jam gave her an opportunity to meet friends and improve her English. Discussion included: Community Involvement, Staying informed, informed voting, marrying the school to the city. An event like Green-Up Day is a possibility to get community involvement. There is the Summer Team Employment Program. Global Call to Action Project is based on a student's interest. Great feedback was received through a survey in the community as part of educating the community. How to get more male students involved? Engagement begins with care. If a student feels cared for they are more apt to get involved. Michael thanked everyone for coming.
- b) Partnership for Change Update with Director, Hal Colston. He announced that they have received funding of 1.5 million for the next three years and they are looking forward to more technical assistance support and sustainability going forward. The School Board members acknowledged that they are going to be key bringing Partnership for Change to the community with needs around communication.

7. Board-Management Delegation (Policy Section III):

- a) Policy Title: 3.1 Unity of Control
Michael Decarreau asked board members how they would like to proceed. Moderating Report - The Board is in Compliance and will continue the check list with Sean.
Motion made by Jen Corrigan with a second by Mohamed Abdi, to accept Policy 3.1 Unity of Control. Discussion included the check list and putting it on a schedule. All in favor present.

8. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV):

- a) Policy Title: 4.1.b Governing Style: Encouragement of a Diversity of Views
 - Student Report to the Board: All students are learning about gardening in the community and can get a science credit. Kindergarten has raised garden beds and will be planting soon. On April 30th a former French teacher was interviewed and the WSD band played. The segment is on the website. May 2nd was Green-Up Day. On May 6, the school marching band participated in a parade. On May 11th the school had their National Honor Society induction with refreshments after. May 13th, Rainbow went to a Partnership for Change conference. Ledania informed the board members that Fox 44 will be visiting the school to do a segment on Cool Schools. The Prom is on May 15th and tickets have been sold. It is a masacaraed theme at an undisclosed site. May 19th is the final WHS concert and the Middle Schools last concert is May 21st. An update on the mentoring program was given. There will be an end of the year game day for both the middle and high school students. Sports update.

- b) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - Discussion - 1st Reading, Policy 5146, Child Nutrition & Wellness
The Wellness Coordinator gave a lot of back up information. Sean will bring back a draft with suggested changes. Will bring back to the next Board meeting for a first reading.
 - Discussion - 1st Reading, Policy 6151, Course Offerings and Class Size
This policy is currently on a three year cycle. Tori Cleiland asked where the class size numbers come from and Sean said the State provides this information.
Tori Cleiland made a motion, with a second by Jen Corrigan, to approve the current version of Policy 6151. All present in favor.
- c) Policy Title: 4.2.4 Legislative Update
 - Discussion: see Superintendent Report for legislative updates
Sean McMannon gave an update on the proceeding regarding the H361 Education Bill. At this time the bill is being considered within the Senate and the House. On the table is what to do with the small schools grant and the cost cap.

9. Community Engagement (Policy 4.2.1):

- a) Discussion: Recent community activities by board members
Tori Cleiland attended the Vermont for Nepal at the O'Brien Center. Michael Decarreau spoke about the opiate problem.

10. Next Agenda: None

11. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Spring Into the Arts from May 18th – 22nd
 - WM/HS Pops Concert on May 19th
 - JFK Concert on May 21st
- VSA/VCSEA Spring Conference will take place from May 21st – 22nd
- Winooski/Burlington Joint Board Retreat on May 30th
- The next Regular Board Meeting is on June 10th

12. Motion by Tori Cleiland, with a second by Mohamed Abdi to enter Executive Session at 9:10 pm.

- a) Labor Relations & Negotiations

13. The board returned to open session at 9:26 pm. **No Action - Executive Session**

**14. Motion made by Tori Cleiland with a second by Jen Corrigan to adjourn at 9:26 pm.
All present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Steady
Board Recorder