



**In Attendance:** Parent Reps; Karen Olson, Amanda Marvin, Julia Nesbit, Josilyn Adams; School Reps: Greg Marino, Rebecca Ashford, Cathy Grey, Chris Ford.

**NEXT FAP MEETING: April 12, 2018, WCS Dining Room**

**Welcome & Introductions –**

- **FAP Treasurer Position needed ASAP!**
  - For a list of duties, please click [here](#).
  - Contact [Emily Downing Ponce](#) if you are interested.
- Annual Fund is still doing well.
- WCS Sign has been installed!

**Recent & Upcoming Events**

- **Variety Show:** March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the WCS Auditorium
  - Tickets are \$7 and will be on sale the week of the 12th
- **Lucky You:** Week of March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Ticket will be sold the first 30 min of the day at ABS and during lunch at WCS.
- **Big Basket Raffle:** April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm in the WCS cafeteria
  - Baskets will be delivered to classrooms on 3/22.
  - 2 weeks to fill the donation baskets.
  - Adults only event with a fun night
- **Williston Runs for Education:** Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - More Information at [www.willistonruns.org](http://www.willistonruns.org)
  - 9 returning sponsors; following up with sponsors not heard from
- **Craft Show:** Karen
  - 78 booths sold already (56%)

**Administration Report – Greg Marino**

- The Administration is grateful for the voting results in support of the school budget and other voted articles that support the CVSD schools.
- Thank you to the FAP for the new school message board sign now installed on the town green and easily visible from route 2 and Central School Drive. The sign looks great and will get lots of use getting important messages out to the community.
- School Safety: An update to families went out last week about the work the Williston Safety Team has been doing over the past year. The Safety Team will be hosting an open house / meet and greet on Friday, April 13, 7:45 - 8:30 am in the WCS Dining Room,

- Meet the Incoming ABS Principal: Parents, Faculty and staff are invited to meet ABS Incoming Principal, Angela Fillion, on Monday, March 19, at 2:45 - 4:00 in the ABS Library
- The Search for the next ABS School Counselor is underway. A committee has been established and interviews will take place in the coming weeks.
- WCS is highlighted at the Williston / Richmond Rotary club during the months of March and April. The enrichment program, Reba the therapy dog, Voyager house students, and Swift house students will all make informative presentations to the club. This is another opportunity Williston Schools have to tell our story.

**School Board** – Amanda Marvin

- All articles passed on March 6.
- Josilyn Adams is the new Williston School Board Rep.

**Program Council** – Cathy Grey

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 28.

**Student Services** – Chris Ford

- Placement has started
- Parent Night for parents of Fourth Graders – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30
- Parents Night for parents of Second Graders – TBD

**PreK-2nd Grades** – Rebecca Ashford

- The Preschool is gearing up for a fourth visit to the ECHO Center on 3/15. The new exhibit is called "Sky" and relates so well to their current classroom outer space project. Also - a huge thank you to the FAP for their grant! They will purchase a water table for their new preschool playground.
- Harmony is following the Iditarod. Each class will choose a musher and team to follow. There is a reading challenge that goes along with this unit. Student completed book summaries move them along the Iditarod trail just as the Mushers move through the checkpoints. They will learn about the history of the Iditarod and about the state of Alaska.
- Horizon is starting our research unit of study, focused around space and the night sky which will be our science theme in a couple weeks.
- Synergy has started the Science unit- Night Sky- Moon, Sun, and Stars. This unit will include reading, writing, and science projects with a family event in the evening next month.

**3rd & 4th Grades** – Liz Parker

- Mosaic:
- The 4th graders are reading Because of Winn Dixie and the book club conversations are deep and thoughtful.
- The third graders engaged in a forces and motion unit.
- Our team Vermont History Museum morning was a great culminating event to our Vermont unit and was well attended by families and faculty and staff--thank you!
- Kaleidoscope:
- We recently received the headphones we ordered with our FAP grant. Hooray! The students are excited and we look forward to sharing our cool projects with you.

- We are wrapping up our current round of writing workshops and getting ready to transition to our next round in a couple of weeks.
- We recently started a new series of team wide reading groups.
- Kaleidoscope had an amazing time at Shelburne Farms in February! We learned about how animals survive in winter. We did some tracking, built shelters, made campfires, enjoyed hot chocolate and even got to toast marshmallows! Thanks to the FAP Annual Fund for this wonderful experience!
- Equinox:
- Our Storyworks subscription has arrived! Thanks FAP for this cool resource!
- We're working on forces and interactions as a science unit with a focus on Curling
- Third grade writers are finishing their "true books" in culmination of the information writing unit and fourth graders are working on personal essays in preparation for their persuasive writing pieces
- Schoolcraft and Weegar are engaging in a March Madness book tournament to determine the best book we've read aloud!

**5th - 8th Grades** – Aron Merrill

- Full House: Before break, our team had a fantastic time with our Winter Olympic unit. The students were divided into different countries and experienced their own Olympics. Students created opening ceremonies, their own events, and participated in friendly competition. With their countries, they also experienced a journalism unit where they were responsible for creating a newspaper with different sections: a feature page, science section, cultural page, and a sports section. Overall, the team had fun and it was a strong interdisciplinary unit that bonded the students
- Swift House students have been learning about cells in science, using microscopes to see the differences between plant and animal cells (cheek and onion cells, specifically). The 7th and 8th graders have also zoomed in on onion cells to see the stages of mitosis. All students will start a new literature unit focused on human rights in the 21st century next week.
- Sterling completed a successful integrated unit on the Olympics. Our families joined us for an Open House the Friday before vacation, where students shared their presentations. We're back to a regular schedule, with the following happening in each curriculum area:
  - Math: 5th Grade: Multiplication and Division Strategies
  - 6th Grade: Decimal Operations
  - ELA: Argument Writing Unit
  - Social Studies: Westward Expansion
  - Science: Weather

Teachers are beginning student-led parent-teacher conferences this week, continuing through March 23rd. Student PLPs will provide a launching point for conferences as students share their work with their family.

- Voyager House will be sending a small group of students to present at the 3DVT competition at Vermont Technical College. The entire 5/6 class has been researching the Isham family house on Oak Hill Road. The students are creating a multimedia presentation and a 3D model of the 1850's Gothic Revival house. Our annual Recycle Sale is on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.