



FAPAC October 10, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Introductions – Emily - Meeting Called to order at 8:24am

Introductions & Welcome New Members

Financial Report – Kristin

Current Financial Report - Annual fund is almost \$13,000 at this point. It is doing very well for this time of year. We paid more for curriculum night child care this year. There were no volunteers who provided the child care. The learning expo might be combined with the ice cream social next year. There was feedback about the learning expos and curriculum nights and this will be brought to Angela.

Educational Grants – Emily, Julia, Kristin, Lyn - Lyn gave an overview of the grants and how the committee formulated the grant package to be voted upon. Emily gave an overview of each grant. There was a discussion around several of the grants. One of the biggest discussions revolved around the summer reading books. Becca and Josilyn will continue to have a conversation around the Scholastic Points for the summer reading program. The total grant available is \$10,000 and the request being brought forward is \$7880.65 to approve for grants. The basketball courts out back are in need of serious help. There are some safety concerns around the courts as they exist now. Greg needs to address the safety of the area to determine if it needs to be shut down. Karen Olson motioned to approve the package presented, seconded by Karen Boutin seconded. Motion approved as presented.

Recent & Upcoming Events

Craft Show – Karen & Paula - Craft Show – Karen & Paula - More checks are coming in. Almost all spots are filled. The committee needs more help with promotion & set-up. Also, there is a sign up for volunteering during the Craft Show. Link to signup: <https://signup.com/go/kYomFsu>

Book Fair - Josilyn - Nov. 18 - 21st for the Book Fair at WCS. Allen Brook will not be bussed here there will be a book fair at ABS later in the year. There are some new things that are coming in and these are exciting changes. The event will be Monday - Thursday (no Friday this year). Josilyn will check in with Angela about a time when the book fair can happen at ABS. The first week of April might be an ideal time for the book fair at ABS. There will be an ABS night specific at WCS and visa versa a WCS night at ABS. This committee needs more help.

Speaker Series - Sheri Gates - Sheri is speaking with a psychologist speaking around self care. Michelle Spaulding is interested in doing a whole series (a day) in January around how current technology affects our kids. This will be both a parent and kids presentation. The state was going to fund Angst but they no longer are going to fund this project. Is there are possibility of the school supplementing this project? Cathy Grey shared that she would connect with Sheri Gates to discuss the Angst project and bring it forward to Greg.

Administration Report - Greg via email - October

- The Leadership Team would like to express their appreciation for the FAP's support of grants to support enriching and innovative experiences for our students
- Jackie Parks will be presenting at next Months meeting about the learning and work we are doing in Restorative Practices at WCS.
- The Williston Safety Committee is seeking a parent member. Please see the note and brief survey in this week's Bell.
- There was a parent Forum at CVSD on Monday evening for the shift to an "Options Based Response to an Active Threat. Greg and Jeanne Jensen presented to approximately 10 parents, the school board and a group of administrators. Greg will use the December meeting to provide an overview of this shift in safety preparedness and a general overview of Safety initiatives happening in Williston.
- The Leadership team encourages parents to take an active role in the Budget process and reminds them that all budget meetings are open meetings and that their involvement is welcomed.

Staff Reports

School Board - Josilyn - Jeanne Jensen is working on contracting with all the town recreation departments across the district to determine a specific contract for all property use. This will be a larger discussion at the district level. The school board had the first of their budget discussions. This is the first of the meetings. There may be a reduction in staff at the K level as the numbers are looking like they might be reduced in the K population at ABS. There is continued discussion around Pre K at ABS as well. All are welcome for any budget meetings. It looks like there will be an increase of 3.3%. Much of this is outside of our control due to costs of healthcare and tariff costs that we don't have control over.

Program Council - Cathy - First meeting scheduled for the 30th of this month. This will be more focused to building council. The master schedule is an area of focusses.

Student Services - Chris - no big update. Holiday support will be up and coming. Peer leadership groups are getting up and running. Sheri Gates asked about pronouns. There is an active Gay Straight Alliance - Kim McMahon is the coordinator of this group. It is a student led group. This is an area of focus for the district. This is also a national bullying month. This is an issue that continues to be an ongoing program.

Essential Arts - Lyn - Fri. Oct. 25 / Beginner Band Demo / WCS / 10:45-11:30am, Tues. Nov. 12 / Beginner Band Instrument Pick up / WCS Auditorium / 7-8:30 pm

EEE – 2 - Becca - **Preschool** The preschool is going on their annual field trip to Isham Farm on 10/10. Many thanks to FAP for the funding.

Explorers/Starlings- The kindergarten teams are immersed in Dairy Farm studies as they secured a grant for the **Vermont Dairy in the Classroom** program for all 7 classrooms!

The Dairy in the Classroom Program is a hands-on, inquiry based program for Vermont teachers and students, grades PK-6. It includes a variety of learner-centered activities related to dairy farming and the production of dairy products, as well as a field trip to a local dairy farm. Students will make and taste-test butter, cheese, yogurt, ice cream, etc...

This year, the **Dairy in the Classroom** Program funds three 75 minute classroom visits by a Dairy Educator and Upcoming Field trips to a local dairy farm - Johnson Family Farm (Laura Dyer's parents' farm!)

The kindergartners have also taken exciting field trips to local apple orchards and all kindergartners are enjoying learning in their forest classroom space. The kindergarten teachers are most grateful for all of the support from FAP for puddle pants, picnic tables, and their lean to! The students' learning has been enhanced by this generous support!

Horizon is in the middle of their first WIN block (What I Need). They are also studying personal narratives in writer's workshop and their reading groups are off to a great start!

Harmony is gearing up to begin their first NGSS lesson on light and sound. The fire department will be visiting their team this month to discuss fire safety. The new Hive director, Nicole, has fully embraced their beekeeper tradition. She loves giving buzzies to the beekeepers and celebrates each student by reading their recognition aloud.

Synergy had a wonderful but cold trip to Mt. Philo last Friday. They had over 60 families members join them on the trip. Thank you FAP for supporting this trip. They are going to the Fire Station today to learn more about fire safety. They are learning about animal and plant adaptations in Science.

3 – 4 - Liz - emailed report

Mosaic:

- Mosaic is gear up for their annual hike for hunger! We will be raising money and awareness about food insecurity.
- We've been busy welcoming our new teammates- teachers:Pam Cyr, Danielle Doucette, Alysia Wakeman, Andrew Hartnett and over 40 new students!
- Four Winds is off and running!

Kaleidoscope:

- Students have been learning about growth mindset and how to take other people's perspective in a variety of situations.
- We have begun our Narrative writing unit. Students are currently generating ideas for "small moments" they can write about.
- Our first Four Winds lesson was a big success! The students enjoyed learning about insects and having the opportunity to "catch and release" insects outside.

Equinox:

- House wide engineering project based on Caine's Arcade and the International Cardboard Challenge. Teams of students have designed and engineered arcade games reusing cardboard and other items from home. Open House and breakfast will be Friday Morning.
- First Four Winds about insects was great!
- Learning routines and expectations continues

5 – 8 - Aron - Swift House began its theater unit featuring Alice in Wonderland and Twelfth Night. Rehearsals will take place during the literature block until production week when it's all hands on deck for acting, costumes, props, lights, sound, etc. Swift also hosted two visitors this week, an educator from Second Chance Farm who is teaching us about embryology with the eggs from his farm and a parent demonstrating the latest microscope technology using fluorescent light.

Voyager House has completed a read aloud of **Walk Two Moons** and loved it. We will be attending the Flynn performance of this book at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center on Friday - Thank you FAP! We also just kicked off our Personal Interest Projects. All students will pick an interest and match it with a UN Sustainable Development Goal - researching, learning, performing/presenting their final projects later in the school year.

Harbor students have been working on research in LA and SS.

In Language Arts classes students are looking at Mysteries in History. The students have been researching and looking at new evidence regarding Amelia Earhart's plane crash from 1937. Now students are investigating 11 other mysteries in history.

In Social Studies classes students just finished studying World Religions by completed a compare/contrast research paper that Emily R. Helped Deb design. Now we are into geography and making maps. Students are using scale, a current math concept being taught Cris.

Full House:

1) The entire team is going to Stowe this Friday. After reading the book Walk Two Moons for lit group, all 7th and 8th graders are going to see the play performed at the Stowe Performing Arts Center. All 5th and 6th graders will be participating in a variety of outdoor activities such as biking, corn maze, and hiking.

2) All students are creating goals on their google sites and getting ready for parent conferences.

Sterling House:

Our ELA classes are just finishing up a unit on Cyberbullying. We are doing weekly reading and marking up of articles, as well as a weekly writing prompt using KidBlog.

5th grade math classes are developing division strategies, and 6th grade math classes are exploring decimals and decimal operation.

Social Studies classes are studying the factors that led to the Civil War, with an emphasis on the War of 1812. Classes are also spending time on Mondays doing Culture and Diversity work each week. In Science, students are doing lots of hands-on work and experiments to build understanding of states of matter.

Sterling House is getting ready to begin the first of several integrated units. Our Science and ELA classes will be collaborating on a "Primates" unit.

House Representative Reports

Minutes discussions - minutes will be kept as in the past. There will be a conversation about the time it takes condense and do a summary of the minutes. The general consensus is keep the minutes in full.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50