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Sharon School Directors' Report

We have a fairly full agenda on Tuesday evening. Also, please note that we have a 30 minute time change to the meeting due to conflicting board meetings. I want to thank you for your flexibility in allowing both Tara and I to juggle the board meetings on the same evening. I ask that you make certain to review the provided reports and documents prior to the board meeting. You will also find a one page overview of the Student Support proposed 21-22 budget included in your packet. We will briefly discuss and seek board feedback.

**1) The WRVSU will form and sustain a comprehensive MTSS that:**

- **Utilizes evidence based best practices in instruction**
- **Utilizes student data to ensure student growth**
- **Encourages a rigorous, innovative and relevant learning environment**
- **Encourages the integration of PLP and Flexible Pathways to best meet the needs of all students.**

You will receive an academic data report from Principal Haley on Tuesday evening. We are continuing to increase the use of data to make informed decisions specific to instruction and intervention/supports.

The administrative team will begin professional development on Thursday, October 22nd specific to the five components and ten principles of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). This is step one of a larger initiative to ensure that MTSS professional development is provided to all stakeholders of the WRVSU. This work will then lead to further changes to our system to ensure that we have a systematic way to respond to intervention/supports. In addition, Don McMahon is working to secure additional professional development for our Special Educators in evaluation and assessment. Finally, we are working on ensuring that we identify a three-to-five year professional development plan that aligns to the work needed to increase content area knowledge, increase our menu of interventions, and ensure that our educators are feeling confident in their ability to differentiate instruction.

**2) WRVSU will implement a PK-12 Proficiency Based Learning System. WRVSU school will utilize a comprehensive approach to ensure relevancy, rigor, and personalization. This will be achieved through the following:**

- **Curriculum**
- **Instruction**

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- **Assessment**

We are working on piloting a WRVSU elementary school report card trimester one via the WRVSU VLA. In addition, the WRUD Middle School and High School are making changes to better communicate student achievement of the WRVSU graduation proficiencies and corresponding performance indicators. The plan is to work collaboratively across the WRVSU to adopt an elementary WRVSU report card for the fall of 21. It makes sense for us to work with our faculty of the WRVSU VLA and administrator to begin this work.

We are also making certain that the 21-22 budget continues to increase multiple Pathways toward graduation, while increasing experiential learning. We see the increase in the use of Outdoor Learning as a means to create healthy instructional habits across the WRVSU schools. To this end, WCAX recently completed a story on how we are using outdoor learning to create a safe and effective learning environment for our students.

We are also beginning to plan for increased instructional attention in the area of mathematics. You will note that this too is an area of concern when analyzing our STAR 360 assessment data. We are piloting a few different programs across the WRVSU elementary schools, along with increasing professional development in the area of mathematics. We plan to utilize the data gathered and information learned this school year to launch into a comprehensive three-to-five year plan to address mathematics.

**3) *The WRVSU will improve student learning and increase equitable educational opportunities through the development of a culture that promotes interdependence among all stakeholders and enhances student achievement, choice and voice.***

I'm very pleased with the work of the WRVSU policy committee. You will find three policies in your binder for review/first readings. The policy committee has moved these forward for a full board vote/adoption in October.

You will note that we have included both the potential solar and parking lot projects on the agenda. We want to discuss both of these with you throughout the upcoming months to ensure that we don't lose sight of them, and ensure that we are on schedule to address the parking lot next summer.

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The WRVSU Equity Task Force has now met twice, and has over twenty-five members from across the WRVSU. The plan would be to draft a policy, procedures, professional development, and curriculum/instructional approach. This work will be ongoing throughout the next several years, but I'm very excited by the progress.

Finally, I'm very pleased to announce that seven of the WRVSU schools were awarded Efficiency Vermont Grants, including Sharon Elementary School. These funds have been earmarked toward improvements to the HVAC systems across the schools of the WRVSU. The award totals are very close to \$400,000.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday evening,

Jamie Kinnarney  
Superintendent of Schools  
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