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February, 2020
 Principal's Report

Athletics:

Winter Sports:

- **Girls Hockey**- Currently have a 14-0 record, sitting in 1st in Division 3. They have recent wins over Kingdom Blades (North Country, Lyndon Institute, Lake Region combined team) 5-1 and U32 7-3. Tournament Hockey pairings come out on Thursday Feb 27th. Playdowns (if necessary) are scheduled for Feb 28th or 29th. Quarter-finals March 3rd or 4th. Semi-Finals March 6th or 7th. Championship game is scheduled for March 9th @ UVM.
- **Boys Hockey**- Currently have a 8-5-1 record and are sitting 6th in Division 1. They picked up a 7-3 win @ South Burlington. Tournament Hockey pairings come out on Thursday Feb 27th. Playdowns (if necessary) are scheduled for Feb 28th or 29th. Quarter-finals March 3rd or 4th. Semi-Finals March 6th or 7th. Championship game is scheduled for March 11th @ UVM.
- **JV Girls Basketball**: Are having a great season, they have been highly competitive with the Division 1 teams. I have been impressed with the amount of growth this team has had this season. They have their final game on February 27th vs Burlington.
- **Varsity Girls Basketball**: Currently have an 8-5 record and sit 4th in Division 2. Recent wins 38-33 over Burlington, 41-24 over South Burlington and 45-38 over St. Albans, all Division 1 teams. Girls Basketball pairings will be announced on March 2nd. Playdowns are scheduled for March 3rd or 4th, quarter-finals March 6th or 7th, semi-finals March 9th or 11th, and finals March 14th. Semi-Finals and finals are played at the Barre Auditorium.
- **JV Boys Basketball**: Have played in a lot of fun, competitive, back and forth games all season long. They are a highly skilled team and I am excited to see what the future brings them.
- **Varsity Boys Basketball**: Currently have a 4-12 record and sit 14th in Division 2. They have recent win over Division 1 Essex 63-50 and #2 seed in Division 2 U32 65-47. Boys

Basketball pairings will be announced on February 24th. Playdowns are scheduled for February 25th or 26th, quarter-finals February 28th or 29th, semi-finals March 2nd or 4th, and finals on March 7th.

- **Indoor Track:** Has been practicing every day getting ready for their final day of the State Championship which is scheduled for February 16th. Saturday February 8th the weight toss Championships finished with **Theresa Hoar** becoming the Division 2 State Runner Up! After 2 events the boys lead Division 2 and the girls are currently 3rd heading into the final day.
- **Wrestling:** On January 28th **Carter Dickinson** recorded his 100th career win with a pin over Essex on his home mat on senior day! On February 8th the wrestling team traveled to Plymouth, NH where they placed 3rd as a team. **Colton Perkins** and **Hunter Roya** were champions in their weight class. 2nd place winners were **Caleb Huntington, Nick Pierce** and **Matt Durgin**. The Northern Vermont Athletic Conference is scheduled for February 15th @ St. Johnsbury Academy. Spaulding High School is hosting the JV/JR High Finals on February 22nd. SHS will be competing in the State Wrestling Finals @ Mt. Anthony on February 28th and 29th.

Spring Sports:

- Baseball pitchers and catchers begin on March 16th. All spring sports begin on March 23rd.
- **Baseball:** We have hired **Dan Kiniry** to be our Varsity Boys Baseball Coach. Dan has a great background of playing and coaching baseball. In 2019 he was manager of the U14 Babe Ruth Team where they won the District title, State Championship and made a semi-final appearance in the New England Regional. Dan played @ St. Michaels College.
- **Softball:** We are in the process of hiring a new Varsity Softball Coach.

Other Athletic Notes:

- Spaulding's Emily Poulin got nominated for Burlington Free Press's Athlete of the week!!

Students & Community:

- Please see the attached February [Newsletter](#).
- Spaulding High School is proud to announce that **Jacob Washburn** has been accepted into the GW Plastics' Apprenticeship Program for the Summer of 2020. This is the first for WBL STEM programming with various partners in manufacturing and training through the Generator, a leading makerspace in Vermont. We wish him well as he embarks on his career pathway.
- As an Aspirations School, we have been invited to engage with legislatures on Wednesday, February 12th, thus giving students the opportunity to tour the statehouse,

sit in on House Committee work, and engage in conversation with their local representatives. This is an annual event and will be all day.

- Post-Secondary Night will be held on March 10th (weather day will be March 12th) from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. This event is open to all students and parents to explore college options, training and apprenticeship programs/opportunities, military service opportunities, and flexible pathways.
- Thirty-six members of the drama club and chorus traveled to NYC for a whirlwind weekend. Students attended two (and in some cases three) Broadway musicals, did a musical theater workshop with a team from Beetlejuice the Musical, and toured the beautiful Radio City Music Hall. Some also toured NBC Studios, where they bumped into cast members from Saturday Night Live, shopped on Fifth Avenue, and wandered through Central Park, where they crashed a marriage proposal at the Bethesda Fountain. On our last day, we took a boat to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and visited the 9/11 Memorial before heading home. They both started and ended the trip with a very boisterous rendition of "Glory to Spaulding."
- In the September [Newsletter](#), the new Office Hours and Plans for Academic Success (PAS) system was outlined. Students that had earned a Below or Unsatisfactory in their academic courses received an email, along with their parents, indicating that they would need to work on their plan. The teachers worked closely with the students needing to make a plan, receive support and complete work. Parents should have received a follow-up plan for each course their child needed to work on.

After each implementation, we seek feedback and ways to improve our system. The Call Back Day is reserved as a final opportunity to reassess at the end of the semester if a student has a few performance indicators to complete and has attended their Office Hours (see the January [Newsletter](#) for more information).

After a semester of implementation, we have sent out several surveys to staff and students to solicit feedback and gather data. Although this system of support is still relatively new, the data indicates that students are more aware of deadlines and are utilizing their academic time more effectively. We are awaiting some data reports to fully review the comparison of student performance for this past semester compared to previous years, as well as analyzing student performance for those that attended Office Hours. Although we are encouraged by our initial semester, we will continue to refine our system in support of meeting the needs of our students.

Student of the Week

- **Richard Torre** (nominated by Alicia Tosi) *He is such a friendly and kind young man. It is a pleasure to have him in class.*
- **Abigail Stacy** (nominated by Michelle LaFrancis) *I nominate Abigail Stacy for Student of the Week. Not only is she a WBL Bumblina, but also an office aide. She is interning at Head Start and she is beginning to step into the toes of an empathetic teacher. She interacts with students with great needs and in one case, began talking.*

- **Camden Kelly** (nominated by Sam Loesch) *'m nominating Camden Kelley. Camden is not a surprising choice as she excels academically and takes on a lot of extracurricular activities, but she still needs to be specially recognized. New this year, Camden is the President of the Interact Club; planning for and leading weekly meetings. Camden also regularly attends the weekly community breakfasts and urges other members to attend; she has shown inspiring leadership skills and continues to grow in this role. Camden should also be recognized for her adherence to the new PAS system. Camden is proficient or exemplary in most of her classes but struggles in Math. Her PAS is always up to date with which standards she needs to complete and details her plans to improve; she is regularly in her teacher's advisory to get extra help. Camden is a true asset to her peers at Spaulding and an exemplary high school student.*
- **Emma Proteau** (nominated by Tracy Bonoyer) *I have been substituting in John Lewis's sociology class this week and have had the pleasure of watching the class dynamic unfold. Emma, leading by her actions, is consistently one of the first students to start her work. While she is a little shy in front of the whole class, she openly shares her ideas in small group discussions. She carries herself with a quiet confidence and is kind to all her classmates. Yesterday in class, when I asked the students to get into small groups, there was one student, generally more aloof, who hung back and did not join a group. Emma gently invited him to join theirs, and a huge smile spread across his face. It was a very small gesture but speaks highly of Emma's character.*

Athlete of the Week

- **Katelyn MacIver** (nominated by Tanya MacAuley) *She is the hardest worker on our team. She never gives up and always gives her all during every practice and game. She always has a smile and is positive no matter how much playing time she gets.*
- **Conner Magoon** (nominated by Chad Burke) *The boys hockey team would like to nominate Conner Magoon for Athlete of the Week. Conner is a great kid off the ice, and very hard-working player on the ice. He scored our 5th goal against South Burlington in dramatic fashion. Conner outskated players from both teams to a loose puck just inside the offensive zone, was tripped up but was able to elude a diving goaltender at the top of the faceoff circle...as he fell flat on his stomach, he was able to guide the puck into the net with his stick. The goal was a credit to the work ethic Conner brings everyday.*
- **Madison Ashford** (nominated by Nashanda Mcgee-Browman) *Madison has an exceptional work ethic in practice and in games. She always gives everything she has. Madison helps her team by playing two-way basketball, on defense she is continuously defending the opposing team's point guard. On offense she plays the point guard and shooting guard positions. In last week's games she came up with game winning plays, she saved two balls from going out of bounds and made two mid-range shots to seal the victory.*
- **Grady Chase** (nominated by Jesse Willard) *He was the CVTS player of the game against U-32. As a sophomore he is stepping up as a leader on a strongly opinionated team.*
- **Rebecca McKelvey** (nominated by Dave Lawrence) *Rebecca is one of a group of talented freshmen who have led a resurgence for Spaulding girls hockey. She has one of the strongest and more accurate shots in the league. Last week she had 5 goals and 1 assist in wins over Lyndon and Hartford for the undefeated Tide.*

Staff Person of the Week

- **Michael Emmons** (nominated Mya Violette) *Michael Emmons should be recognized for all of the work he has been doing to try to make the wifi better in our classrooms. He is immediately responsive to zendesk requests, follows up almost daily, and is always pleasant and patient when dealing with the stress of the wifi. While students and faculty are clearly getting irritated with the issues, Michael seems to be taking it all in stride and doing his best to alleviate what he can.*
- **Gretchen Singer** (nominated John Lewis) *Gretchen did a great job subbing for me this week. She not only executed my sub plan but was also able to find her way around my arcane filing system to provide materials to a new student. It's comforting to know that I can come back to school and take up where I hoped the class would be.*
- **Mary Reardon** (nominated by Isabelle Wightman) *I would like to nominate Mrs. Reardon for Staff Person of the Week. She is always encouraging and knows how to teach while being supportive.*

Athletics Update: 2/20/20

Boys Basketball: Lost to Colchester 71-51 on Thursday 2/13. Senior night was Tuesday 2/18 where we recognized, Taylor D'Agostino, Dylan Hebert, Matt Tacey, Brandon Brunner and manager Jada MacDonald. In that game they lost to Burlington 54-41. There are two games remaining in their regular season, @ CVU on Friday 2/21 and @ Rice on 2/22.

Girls Basketball: Lost to St. Johnsbury, Friday 2/14 54-37 (earlier in the season we lost to St. Johnsbury 40-15, much improved). Lost @ BFA St. Albans on 2/17 48-40. Played CVU 2/19 and lost 66-31, CVU is undefeated and only 6 teams this season have scored over 30 points against them. Senior game is scheduled for 2/27 against Burlington where Aliza Lindley, Hayleigh Pollard, and Autavia Browman will be recognized.

Boys Hockey: Lost to Colchester 5-3 on Saturday, 2/15, that is also the day in which our seniors were recognized. Myles Aja, Kyle May, Grant Otis, Ethan Santor, Connor Magoon, Heath Atwood, and Attilio Perantoni. 2/19 traveled to Rice and lost 6-3. There are 2 games left in the regular season.

Girls Hockey: Beat Harwood/Northfield on Saturday, 2/15, 4-3 in overtime. SHS was down 3-1 halfway through the 3rd period and evened the game up late in the 3rd. Bria Dill scored the game winner with about 90 seconds left on the clock. Hailey Lafaille, Natalie Mattson, Annie Duprey and Morgan Mast were our seniors that we recognized before their game on Saturday 2/15. 2/19 they traveled to Burr and Burton and won 5-2. 2 games left in the regular season.

Indoor Track: The boys teams are Vermont D2 Runners Up. The girls team finished 4th. Boys 4x800 relay, boys 4x400 relay qualified for New Englands. Those runners are Jake Darling, Taite Magoon, Marcel Brault, Matthew Toborg, Angelito Bates, David Poulin. Theresa Hoar qualified for New Englands in the Shot Put. She finished as State Runner Up in that same event. New Englands are scheduled for 2/29 @ The Reggie Lewis Center in Massachusetts.

Wrestling: Finished 3rd @ the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference Tournament @ St. Johnsbury Academy on 2/15. SHS went 3-1 as a team. They earned victories against Mount Abraham, CVU and Colchester. St. Johnsbury survived a thriller against Spaulding, prevailing 39-38.



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February 20, 2020

Dear Barre Unified Union School District Board,

Over the course of three days in January, both The middle and elementary school teams worked with Origin's Roxanne Hable in continuing to implement Developmental Designs starting in mid January. This commitment has had a strong impact on the middle school over the past four years, and we are now implementing DD into the elementary school with all our energy as well!

The elementary team has been able to spend the last month really diving deep into the work of creating common expectations for how students should conduct themselves in the common areas of the school -- the playground, cafeteria, and hallways in particular. Similarly, the middle school has been able to work hard on implementing the student created Social Contract we shared with you in December. We are very pleased with our progress and the impact this and fun student led assemblies and Bulldog Blast! School Spirit Days are having on our community!

A Few Updates and Announcements

The BUUSD district wide art show will kick off with an opening reception on Tuesday February 18 from 5:30 until 6:30 at the Aldrich Library. Over 100 BCEMS K-8 students will be showing their work, and art teachers **Kate Hawley** and **Adrienne Feeser** have worked hard with their colleagues at Barre Town and Spaulding to put on this beautiful show! If you can't make the opening, the show will be running through the end of March.

Hiring committees are being put in place to replace our BCEMS Library Media Specialist and our Spanish position. Additionally, School Garden Coordinator **Kris Pavek** has announced that she will be moving on after six amazing seasons. Best wishes to you Kris!

The **Dental Mobile** will be visiting BCEMS on March 23-25 and April 6 to provide dental check ups for hundreds of our students. Thank you to the Health Center in Plainfield for setting up this wonderful service -- there is such a need in our community, and our numbers continue to grow!

Finally, we would like to share some highlights this month from the BCEMS Winter Sports season. The Central Vermont Basketball Tournament will be taking place the week before vacation, so we hope to have more updates in time for the Board meeting on the 20th. Go Bulldogs! From BCEMS Athletic Director **Kacey Abbriano** and our coaches:

Girls 7/8 Basketball: The girls 7/8 basketball team has had a great season so far winning almost all of their games. They have been working together really well to support each other on the court. They spend quality time fundraising together in order to show off school-spirit "swag". They hope to win the Central Vermont Basketball Tournament next week and earn a championship trophy.

Boys 7th Basketball: The 7th grade boys basketball team has greatly improved this season. They started off the season with a giant difference in points on the scoreboard, but with practice and commitment they have shown immense progress! Lacking numbers hasn't stopped this team from working hard, and they hope to see their progress continue in the Central Vermont Basketball Tournament next week to earn a championship trophy.

Boys 8th Basketball: The 8th grade boys basketball team has brought a lot of fans to games as they make the games exciting and fun to watch. They have worked hard to keep up their grades this year and have won almost all of their games! The few losses they've suffered have only made them motivated to be the best, and they hope to do just that when they attend the Central Vermont Basketball Tournament next week to earn a championship trophy.

5-8 Cheerleading: The cheerleaders this year are ready to bring it all! Our biggest team in years has cheered for our three basketball teams, performing amazing stunts and routines during the halftime show. They have really come far in learning the foundations of cheerleading, and they hope to show off their skills again next week at the Central Vermont Basketball Tournament in hopes our Bulldogs can win that championship trophy!

We are very proud of our student athletes and their coaches! Congratulations to Ms. Abbriano and all our coaches for a great season!

Respectfully,

Hayden and Chris

“Doing Whatever It Takes to Ensure Success for Every Child”

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**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**
BUUSD Central Office – First Floor Conference Area
February 11, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Folland, Chair - (BC)
Guy Isabelle – (At-Large)
Sonya Spaulding - (BC)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins, Vice-Chair - (BT)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Josh Allen, Communications Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Folland, called the Tuesday, February 11, 2020 BUUSD Communications Committee meeting to order at 5:36 p.m., which was held at the BUUSD Central Office in the First Floor Conference Area.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 January 2, 2020 BUUSD Communications Committee Meeting

The Committee agreed by consensus to approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2020 BUUSD Communications Committee meeting.

5. New Business

None.

6. Old Business

6.1 Annual Report

A draft copy of the 'BUUSD 2020 Annual Report to the Community' was distributed. The Committee reviewed the document. Mr. Allen advised that most of his requested changes have been made by the vendor. Once the document has been finalized, it will take a little over a week to starting printing and get the reports into people's homes. Annual Reports will be delivered to every residential home in 'Barre', and 300 extra copies will be printed for distribution at other places.

6.2 Budget Promotion

Mrs. Spaulding has the list of events that Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins created. The list is mainly sporting events. Mrs. Spaulding has obtained a copy of Mrs. Akley's list that was used for community outreach during Act 46. Mrs. Spaulding will amend the budget outreach list to include other events. The list will be circulated for Board Member sign-up. Board Members should commit to attend some of the events and service club meetings. Mrs. Spaulding also suggested that Board Members attend 'Meet and Greet' events at various venues, such as Espresso Bueno. Mrs. Spaulding has developed a list of venues and Mr. Allen has prepared half sheets for distribution at such functions. Mr. Isabelle suggested that the Annual Report be e-mailed to entire service club memberships if possible. The Annual Report should also be sent to State Representatives and Senators. Mrs. Spaulding has also listed the Exit Survey on the sign-up sheet. A rough draft of the Exit Survey will be presented at next week's Board meeting. The Exit Survey should also be available on-line. Mrs. Spaulding will bring a copy of the sign-up sheet to the Board meeting. Mr. Isabelle would like to focus the discussion more on budget promotion than on the Exit Survey. Mr. Isabelle suggested that perhaps students could assist with the Exit Survey. Mr. Allen will contact Brenda Waterhouse and Margo Austin regarding outreach to students to assist with the

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Exit Survey as part of their Community Service Graduation Requirement. It was noted that the vote is three weeks from today and it is important to assure that the Annual Report is distributed as soon as possible. The Committee agreed that Mr. Allen should request that a few minor changes be made and that the vendor proceed with printing and mailing the Annual Report.

Mr. Allen would like to use some funding for Facebook ads. The Committee agreed that Mr. Allen should proceed with this option as the cost is minimal and the Facebooks ads will reach many individuals.

Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Akley will post information on Front Porch Forum and will include links to the video and the budget page.

Mr. Allen has reviewed Barre Town data and advised that three times the number of voters turn out for the Primary Election. Mr. Allen does not have data for Barre City.

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding legal posting (in the newspaper) of the Warning, ballot, and Special Article for the SEA property.

Mr. Isabelle suggested that Mr. Pandolfo may be able to get a guest editorial spot in the Times Argus.

Mr. Isabelle believes early voting is very important. It was agreed that message blasts should be sent to all staff and parents.

It was suggested that Mr. Ferland, as part of morning announcements, should encourage 18 year old students to register to vote and vote by absentee ballot. This information should also be put in the Tide Pride (daily bulletin). This information should also be shared with CVCC students and staff.

Mrs. Spaulding advised of possible questions for the Exit Survey, including how individuals voted and why they voted the way they did. Mr. Isabelle reiterated that he would prefer to focus discussion on budget promotion rather than the Exit Survey.

Other budget promotion discussion includes; use of 'lawn signs'. Mrs. Spaulding has the signs used last year, and will discuss sign placement at the Board meeting.

It was discussed and agreed that the electronic message board at SHS should also be used for budget promotion.

Mr. Allen will have more 'half sheet' budget promotion documents printed. Copies will be available for Board Members at the next Board meeting.

6.3 Mission, Vision & Strategic Goals – Barre Education Coalition

Mrs. Spaulding advised that she has spoken with a representative from Portrait of a Graduate and obtained pricing information; Full package/services (including travel expenses) \$25,000 - \$32,000, low end "Portrait Lite" (a semi-virtual option) \$17,000 - \$18,000, and a one day kick-off service \$3,500 - \$5,000. Mr. Pandolfo suggested reaching out to independent consultant, Sue McCormick to see if she has any advice or could assist. Mr. Pandolfo also suggested that Dave Baker be contacted regarding creative funding ideas. Mr. Isabelle suggested that the Board consider postponing the project until after a new Superintendent is hired. Mrs. Spaulding will forward a copy of the proposal document to Tina Gilbert, for inclusion in the Board packet.

6.4 Logo/Branding

Mr. Allen reported that Ms. Chamberlin approves of CVCC students working on the logo/branding project. Additionally, Mr. Allen advised that Ms. Chamberlin provided additional information relating to the CVCC branding/logo project, which included the use of a firm from the Burlington area, Place Creative Company. Ms. Chamberlin felt the process was unifying and a morale booster. Exactly what is being requested needs to be defined prior to CVCC students doing the work. Mrs. Spaulding reiterated her desire to rename the district. Renaming of the district is not very probable at this time.

7. Other Business

In response to a query regarding recently received information relating to the "Best of Barre" designation received by the BUUSD, it was noted that this is probably not a legitimate award and appears as though it is an attempt to obtain funds.

Mr. Isabelle circulated a copy of the CVCC Annual Report that he received in the mail. The mailing list for this document is not known. Mr. Isabelle will check with Ms. Chamberlin to find out who the CVCC Annual Report is mailed to.

8. Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

- FY2021 Budget Follow-up
- Mission, Vision & Strategic Goals
- Logo/Branding

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9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **March 19, 2020** at 5:30 p.m., in the BUUSD Central Office in the First Floor Conference Area.

10. Adjournment

The Committee agreed by consensus to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin