

Weathersfield School Board
Retreat
Approved Minutes
7/6/2021

AnneMarie called the meeting to order at 5:30pm on 7/6/21.

In attendance were Kristen Brusco, Mark Yuengling, Jacqui Antonivich, AnneMarie Redmond, Jaimie Turner, Brian Martes and David Baker.

The 6/8/2021 meeting minutes approval will be tabled until the August meeting.

Goals

Kristen spoke with a family friend from North Carolina whose daughter's teacher won the Excellence in Teaching Award. The school awarded the teacher \$10,000 and a plaque, along with the nomination letters from parents and students. Kristen would like to see Weathersfield School do something on a smaller scale for our teachers with a plaque in the school and prize to recognize one teacher each year.

Jacqui would like to see Weathersfield bridge the gap between the Town and the School. She recommended the Board meet with the Town officials in September each year to go over the budget. Jacqui also recommends the WS Board use JeanMarie Oakman as a budget advisor to help Brian Martes, the new principal, with next year's budget. Jacqui also would like to improve our middle school model. Our middle schoolers have asked for more conversations and help with mental health. We would like to see that addressed.

Mark's goal is to further educate our K-8 students by potentially offering a Health teacher. WS could potentially share a health teacher with Hartland and/or Windsor, to offer a more in-depth lesson about general health for all students (i.e. how viruses spread!) and growth and body development for middle schoolers.

AnneMarie would like to revisit foreign language. Might our teachers help teach foreign language? How could we best offer a foreign language program that can serve more of our students yet still make a big impact.

Brian would like to build our Weathersfield community. The school thrives with community support, and as a new community member, Brian would like to start opening up the school for community events. An indoor/outdoor movie night, back to school night, fall festival, art/band show, and talent show were discussed. Brian would also like to focus a bit on being college ready. Although early and some kids may not see college in their future, Brian believes all kids should have the opportunity to take that path. UVM and/or Dartmouth College are two great universities in our backyard. Brian would also like to see more STEAM and project based learning in our school. Finally, he would like to see the 8th grade students complete a community service project as a group before they graduate from Weathersfield.

The next meeting date is TBD.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kristen, second by Jacqui at 10:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Bruso
Weathersfield School Board Clerk