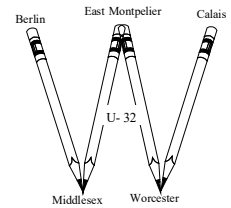


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**Washington Central Unified Union School District
Community Forum
(IN-PERSON w/ Virtual Option)
Calais Elementary School
Gymnasium
321 Lightening Ridge Rd.
Plainfield, VT
12.7.22 6:15-8:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Diane Nichols-Fleming, Ursula Stanley, Lindy Johnson, Chris McVeigh, Daniel Keeney, Mckalyn Leclerc, Kari Bradley, Flor Diaz Smith, Joshua Sevits, Maggie Weiss

Administrators Present: Superintendent Meagan Roy, Jen Miller-Arsenault, Kerra Holden, Susanne Gann, Cat Fair, Steven Dellinger-Pate, Alicia Lyford

Others Present: Michelle Ksepka, ORCA Media, Mark Kline, Shelley Vermilya, Jody Emerson, Lucinda Garthwaite

1. Community Forum

1.1. Presentation: Equity Scholar Program: Identifying Outcomes (Lucinda Garthwaite)

- 2. Call to Order: Flor Diaz Smith called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.** Superintendent Roy introduced Lucinda Garthwaite, Director of ILI: Institute of Liberatory Innovation. Lucinda Garthwaite thanked Principal Steven Dellinger-Pate for partnering with ILI and participating in the Equity Scholar Program. She explained the work of Shelley Vermilya, Equity Scholar in Residence. She invited questions or feedback from the board. Kari Bradley asked, what do you see as the key limiting factors to having an impact, or to moving this forward? She replied that inequity in schools is terribly urgent. Chris McVeigh asked, how do you know when the needle has moved? Lucinda Garthwaite replied that the next step is to reach out to students and families for anecdotal evidence and narratives about what has impacted them in a positive way; then define and collect data on the behaviors to collect quantitative data, and then to measure the climate of the school. Diane Nichols-Fleming asked whether WCUUSD is the only district that

ILI is currently working with. Lucinda Garthwaite indicated that WCUUSD is currently the only one; however other districts have reached out; they do not have the capacity to team with other schools yet. Some discussion followed around making it known to the community that Shelley Vermilya is available to them as a scholar. There was some conversation about how Shelley Vermilya as Equity Scholar works with the elementary schools; for example, having discussion opportunities with staff, providing resources, working together with teachers in classrooms as requested. Diane Nichols-Fleming asked whether Shelley Vermilya could be available to the board as we grapple with equity issues. Some discussion followed around the idea of Shelley as a limited resource with limited capacity. Maggie Weiss asked, when resources are being shared, is there some compilation made available? To not duplicate the same work and to share new learning among the schools at WCUUSD. Superintendent Roy stated that she and Jen Miller-Arsenault have begun conversation about having a link on the website related to Equity Scholar work; this could also be a place to access shared resources.

- 3. Central Vermont Career Center (CVCC) Budget Presentation (Jody Emerson):** Jody Emerson presented to the board a slide show: *CVCCSD Budget Overview, Fiscal Year 2024*. Flor Diaz Smith invited questions from board members. Maggie Weiss noted that it will be very important to share the information with our communities about how CVCCSD is funded through school districts (within the budget). Jody Emerson stated that there will be a postcard mailing which will explain this concept. Chris McVeigh asked whether the voting ballot can explain the funding within the actual verbiage of the ballot.
- 4. Superintendent Goal Presentation:** Superintendent Roy shared a slideshow around Year One goals. She stated that long-range system goals will come in the future. The three goal areas: Educational & Academic Outcomes, Broadening Communication with the Community, Long Term Planning. She shared that she sees goals as iterative, and she invited feedback from the board. Diane Nichols-Fleming stated that she appreciates the clarity around the process. Chris McVeigh asked whether Superintendent Roy has run into any obstacles that she was not expecting. She replied that any of the obstacles are the same that are universal and are not unanticipated (e.g. budget development, equity, etc.) Flor Diaz Smith stated that the Steering Committee has had time to consider this document. She stated that her hope for this first year is growth from the board as well as the superintendent. Lindy Johnson stated that the organization of this goals document aligns with the work of the committees. Kari Bradley shared that in the future the hope is that there is more than one point in the year for feedback to the superintendent from the board.
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1. Approval of Prequalified Contractors for Parking Lot Project:** Chris McVeigh moved that the Board prequalifies: Dirt Tech Company, LLC, Engineers Construction, Inc., Farrington Construction Co. Inc., G.W. Tatro Construction, Inc., J. Hutchins, Inc., J.A. McDonald, Inc., Kingsbury Companies and S.D. Ireland Brothers Corporation as

bidder for the U-32 Parking Lot and Sidewalk replacement project. Seconded by Lindy Johnson, this motion carried unanimously.

- 5.2. Approve New Teachers, Resignations, Leave of Absence, and Changes in FTE: Lindy Johnson moved to appoint Alex Donelson as long term substitute for U-32 Math teacher. Seconded by Daniel Keeney, this motion carried unanimously.** Superintendent Roy stated that we are almost fully staffed with the exception of SLPs and that we continue to be unable to fill positions in food service and custodial staff at U-32, as well as substitutes. **At 8:07, Chris McVeigh moved to adjourn the public session of the meeting. Seconded by Lindy Johnson, this motion carried unanimously.**

- 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:09, Diane Nichols-Fleming moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, and to include Meagan Roy. Seconded by Daniel Keeney, this motion carried unanimously and the board moved into Executive Session in the Calais Elementary Library.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Grace, Board Recording Secretary