

Principal's Report

January 17, 2019

BTSP Audit

Our Beginning Teacher Support Program, which formalizes the ways we support and evaluate beginning teachers in their first three years, gets audited every five years by DPI. A major component of the audit is the "monitoring visit," whereby 2-3 representatives from DPI visit school, analyze our program files, and interview Cindy and me. This visit took place last Friday, and all went well. The DPI representatives will present their findings formally in the months ahead, but they were, in general, very complimentary of our school and our BTSP.

It looks like our two findings will be . . .

- One BT mentor did not complete formal mentor training online.
- One observation write-up was not logged within the ten-day window.

McKinney-Vento Compliance

The McKinney-Vento Act (officially named McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act) is the major federal legislation that dictates the ways schools identify and assist students experiencing homelessness. I attended a required training last week at the NC Homeless Education Program at the SERVE Center at UNC-Greensboro.

Part of the training took a close look at specifically evaluating "fixed, regular, and adequate" housing. The latter half of the program delved into what services (food, transportation, tutoring, etc.) a school should/must provide to students once they are identified.

In 2016-17 there were 29,545 students in NC identified as experiencing homelessness. Most recent data show that NC homeless youth reside as follows:

- 71% Doubled up
- 15% Motels
- 9-10% Shelters
- 3-4% Unsheltered

The service with which most charter school struggle is transportation.

Calendar Draft 2019-2020

The calendar draft for school year 2019-2020 has been posted on the front page of the website for a month, and we also sent it home in the newsletter. We have had very little feedback. We have a proposal (attached) that modifies October in the draft to allow for at least one full, uninterrupted week (because it's nice to have an uninterrupted week and because we like to have a full five days for annual fund week).

Economic Diversity Lottery

The Board's Board Development Subcommittee met this week and decided . . .

1. We would use the phrase economic diversity lottery (previously referred to as "weighted lottery" or "diversity lottery") to refer to the lottery revision that we are considering for the school.
2. Subcommittee members would contact the six school that we know have implemented this kind of lottery in NC and ask them a common set of questions.

The schools:

Central Park School
 Community School of Davidson
 Charlotte Lab School
 Exploris School
 Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington
 Raleigh Oak School

The questions:

- What was the impetus/"The Why" for your school in implementing an economic diversity lottery?
- By what process was the decision made?
- How did you include your community in the decision process?
- If you could rewind back to year one implementation, what would you do differently?
- Have you experienced unintended consequences? If so, what?
- Has economic diversity yielded racial/ethnic diversity?
- How do you solicit and verify economic status of applicants?
- What extra financial/budget impact have you faced since implementation?
- How do you decide the number of slots per grade?

Starlight, Starbright, First Star Party Was Held Last Friday Night

We partnered with Morehead Planetarium and held our first Star Party on the Back 40 Field. Participants first came to the Great Room where they received hot chocolate and a very brief star-gazing etiquette lesson. Then, they wound their way to the back field where six telescopes were set up to view various celestial objects (Mars, Pleiades, the moon, Orion's nebula, etc.).

Final Initial Push

We're making one last push to collect birthday gifts for the school in the form of donations to our first solar array. Next month, we will start the process of installing **our very first rooftop solar panel array**. The solar array will offset the school's energy cost

and also provide a hands-on opportunity for our students to learn about renewable energy. Donations made through January 31st will go towards this initial installation. A few things you might want to know about the solar project . . .

- We're hoping to install an initial solar panel array that is 30kW in size -- and then add to it incrementally each year.
- We currently pay approximately \$85,000 in electricity each year for the building.
- Our roof is VERY well positioned for solar.
- We're excited to integrate the solar array into science and engineering class work.
- We have already received a seed grant of \$15,000 for the project.
- With a donation of \$250 you can have your name and/or graduating class placed on the side of a panel.

Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

We held our annual observance of Dr. King's holiday today with many inspiring outside guests and parents to help us. Students in grades 7-12 first heard from co-presenters Tru Pettigrew and Cary Chief of Policy Tony Godwin, who told their story of building bridges and understanding between the Cary Police Department and the town's African-American residents. High schoolers then attended various breakout sessions that dealt with activism, art, and racial justice.

Middle schoolers attended sessions led by representatives from the Jackson Center in Chapel Hill.

Elementary students listened to and discussed stories/books presented by teams of elementary parents.

We also started a community art project in the field across Woodland Grove Lane entitled the Unity Project.

WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
December 20, 2018

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Trott, Ms. Sparrow, Ms. Ising and Mr. Lincoln

ABSENT MEMBERS: Ms. Perkins, Ms. Bullett

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bryan, Ms. Lawrence

STUDENT REP: Mitchell O'Connor

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Glade.

I. The Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comment (Written public comments may be added to the Public Comment Notebook.)

	No Public Comment
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III. Consent Agenda

Principal's Report Mr. Bryan	Additional Discussion: (report available online) Update on the applications for the lottery and how it compares in years past and school tours, Tremont Trip with the Juniors and custodian replacement.
Minutes for November 15, 2018	Additional Discussion: (Approved minutes posted online)
Action Taken: Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Ising, seconded by Lincoln (Passed unanimously.)	

IV. Reports

Student Update Mitchell O'Connor	Additional Discussion: (Written report in packet) Highlights include: Midterms, college acceptances, clothing swap, Model UN and the Charity Ball.
Faculty Update Ms. Lawrence	Discussion: (written report in packet) Highlights include: CORA Food Drive, 3 rd grade ceramic art project, MS reading about civil rights and women in history and Peter/Wendy production.
Finance Report Ms. Trott	Additional Discussion: (written report in meeting packet.) Highlights: A review of the November financial reports, and the 2017 audit report and findings. No findings or issues in the audit. Planning a bid schedule and to bid audit companies this year.
Foundation Report Mr. Bryan	Additional Discussion: (Written report in meeting packet.) Highlights include: Total funds raised to-date of \$150,600, solar panels, work on remaining fundraisers (Wanderlust Raffle and Benefit Auction)
Communications Mr. Lincoln	Additional Discussion: (No written report in meeting packet.) Highlights include: The committee has updated all new members with the information from the survey conducted last school year
Personnel Committee	Additional Discussion: (No written report in meeting packet.)

Report Ms. Ising	Highlights include: there will be no changes to the Head of School's evaluation except the addition of a technology question for the HOS evaluation completed by staff. The HOS Evaluation will be open the first week of February for completion by the community and staff.
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Board Development Report Ms. O'Connor	Additional Discussion: (No written report in meeting packet.) The committee has met once to start the process of researching the feasibility and advisability of an Economic Diversity Lottery. The meeting generated more questions and the committee will continue to meet and gather information about the ED lottery.
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V. Business

New Business	2019-20 Proposed school calendar was presented and will be put out to the community and voted on at the January Board Meeting.
Action Taken: Will be voted on at January Board Meeting	
New Business	The Finance Committee suggested the Board consider moving money from the PNC Money Market Account to a higher earning CD at another bank and to alleviate the high fees that PNC was charging the Money Market Account. A motion was made to move the money in the PNC Money Market to Live Oak Bank and invest in a 12 month CD at a rate of 2.81% or higher.
Action Taken: Motion made by Ising, seconded by Lincoln. The motion passed unanimously.	

VI. Closed Session

a. Personnel	None
b. Contracts	None
c. Legal	None

VII. Adjournment (Open) Session

None	Additional Discussion: None
Action Taken: Motion to adjourn made by Trott, seconded by Lincoln at 8:22 pm. (Passed unanimously)	

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Student Report

Students are coming off a busy couple of weeks, we had spirit week the week after break and this week we had the dodgeball tournament and MLK day activities. But they seem to have settled in after coming back from break.

In student council we just put on the dodgeball tournament and it went very well. Students seemed to have a lot of fun and we were able to get in more games than we had anticipated. For spirit week we got a lot of participation but we understand that it is hard coming right off of break. We are looking at plans to put on an event in either February or Early march and we have our second spirit week before spring break.

Model UN is preparing for a tournament at UNC on February 21-24 and they are doing mock committees during lunch to practice.

Science Olympiad has reached an important point, the competition is on February 23 and teams are working hard to make sure they are ready. With so many students participating there is a lot of hope they will do really well this year.

Canopy is always looking for submissions from students and works hard to promote the work of the students who submit.

Diversity Alliance worked hard to put on the MLK day event and has made a lot of efforts to make sure there is a wide range of topics students can explore, and managed to get a lot of people to come in and speak with us.

In sustainability club they are working to make a video about the waste system at Woods Charter and how to become more sustainable and practice good recycling habits.

GLI is going to work with Mr. Matthews to orchestrate a body positivity event for middle school students in health class.

In terms of athletics the varsity basketball team is in the middle of their season and has a home game coming up next Friday. The ultimate frisbee team is still getting ready for their season and has a tournament coming up on January 26-27 at NC State.

Upcoming Events

-Model UN Tournament at UNC February
21-24

-Second Spirit Week March 18-22

-Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at NC State
January 26-27

-GLI Body Positivity Event with Middle
School students

-Science Olympiad Regionals at Campbell
University Tournament February 23

Woods Charter School Foundation, Inc.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: JANUARY 2019

ANNUAL FUND

We are still tracking ahead of last year in both funds raised and participation. As of 12/31, the Annual Fund total was \$163.7K (\$120.5K last year) and school family participation was 72% (54% last year).

Tax receipts to all who donated more than \$250 in 2018 are being sent out now.

SOLAR INITIATIVE

Over the next couple of weeks, we will have a last donation appeal for the initial install of our rooftop solar array via a video filmed by student Ian O'Brien. To date, we have raised \$16,698 towards the initiative.

WANDERULUST RAFFLE

The Wanderlust Raffle will launch next month with the hopes it will be as well-liked as last year. Last year, we quickly sold out our 200 tickets. This year, we will keep ticket prices the same, but increase the quantity to 350. Ticket prices will be 1 for \$50, 2 for \$85, 4 for \$150 and 8 for \$300. Tickets will be sold online and in the Front Office. One winner will be drawn at the Auction and he/she will have his/her choice of the following vacation packages:

- Tuscany Culinary Escape: This is the one that our winner Elizabeth Wood won last year and is going to enjoy over Spring Break! It is a 7 night stay across Italy complete with a wine cellar and olive oil mill tour plus a Tuscan cuisine cooking class.
- Napa Valley Backroads & Railways: Airfare for 2, a 3 night stay in Napa Valley, 6 hours of chauffeured luxury sedan service for your wine tastings and a 3 hour gourmet dinner for 2 on the Napa Valley Wine Train.
- Fairmont Chateau Whistler: Airfare for 2, a 3 night stay at the Fairmont Chateau in Whistler, \$500 to be used towards the purchase of lift tickets for Whistler and Blackcomb Ski Resorts.
- Game of Thrones Journey: A 6 night stay and tour through Dublin, the Antrim Coast and Belfast. Included are stays in hotels and historic castles, a rental car for 6 days, VIP passes to Guinness, a tour of Dunluce Castle (House of Greyjoy to GOT viewers) and a 3 course dinner at the Clontarf Castle.

BENEFIT AUCTION

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th! Our 2019 Benefit Auction will be at The Barn of Chapel Hill, from 7-10p. Scott Green will be playing, Carolina Brewery will provide food and drink and we are working on some exciting silent and live auction offerings, including our raffle baskets.

Fidelity Bank will again be the Presenting Sponsor, but other sponsorship opportunities are available from \$250 to \$1500.

Please let Jessica know if you have any auction or sponsorship offerings or ideas!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Cash on hand as of December 31, 2018: \$253,297.03

GRANTS AWARDED 2018-19

Instructional Materials	\$16,005.08
Student Consumable Materials	\$17,044.61
Professional Development	\$7,487.53
Designated: JH Rentz Scholarship	\$160.00
Designated: Lincoln Learning Room	\$260.02
Designated: Principal's Discretionary	\$3,661.37
Designated: EC	\$500.00
Faculty Business Cards	\$137.01
Girls Learn International Faculty Travel	\$297.52

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- School Closed/ Holidays (V)
- Teacher in-Service Day (W) - no school for students
- Early Release (ER)
- PD – Professional Development, N – New Faculty Work Day
- 10/17/19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (PT)
- First and Last Day of School (ER=Early Release)
- Community Work Day (CW)
- Orientation (O)
- End of Trimester
- Dates - 11/22/19, 3/11/20, 6/9/20

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