

**Wentworth School Board
Minutes of October 19, 2009
Wentworth Elementary School**

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack

Administration Present: Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier

Public Present: none

Meeting was called to order at 6:10

Agenda Review and Disposition: added for other was Dental Cleaning Program update and asbestos update.

Minutes of September 14, 2009 School Board Meetings: Bernice Sullivan moved, seconded by Lee Morrison to accept the minutes of September 14, 2009. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report: The fall sports seasons has come to a close. The Soccer team's final record stands at 8 losses, 1 tie and 1 win and the Field Hockey teams record closed at 7 losses, 2 ties and 0 wins. These records do not reflect what wonderful sportsmanship and teamwork displayed by our student athletes and their coaches.

NWEA testing is complete for grades 3 – 8. Along with NECAP testing required by the State and Federal Government in grades 3 – 8. These test results will help the school and teachers plan better curriculum & support AYP, which is also required for NCLB.

Wentworth Elementary continues its positive relationship with the NSDC, (National Staff Development Council) and the LSA, (Learning School Alliance). We have monthly webinar's at which time we discuss many topics related to professional development. The team is preparing for the upcoming annual conference in St. Louis, December 5th– 9th.

Due to a huge amount of effort WES is now a school wide Title I school. This means money that becomes available can be used for all our students. This is good news.

The Administration of WES wrote an article for the New Hampshire Journal of Education. The title: Wentworth Elementary School: A National Learning School Alliance (LSA) Community will hopefully be published in the Spring Journal.

The facility and staff of WES is in the process of reviewing its homework policy. A survey has been sent home asking parents for their input on several questions. Once the data is collected the team will be working on a possible revision to bring to the board at a later date.

Wentworth Elementary has been selected to continue its relationship with Northern Stage in WRJ VT. This new program entitled: Jr. Producers is a spinoff of Project Playwright. Two schools from NH & VT were chosen to participate in the program. This year grades 4, 5, & 6 will have an opportunity to work with the staff at Briggs Opera House.

Open House was wonderful. We had several members of the community who **do not** currently have children in the school come to see the new addition and upgrades. This is a very proud time in the history of the Wentworth Elementary School.

Our annual over night outdoor education trip for grades 7 & 8 went very well. This year we returned to Crawford Notch Highland Lodge. The Appalachian Mountain Club does a very nice job with their programs for our students. This year's program consisted of GPS orienteering, Crawford Notch History, fire

making / campfires & a hike safe presentation. We also hiked two nearby Mt.'s. The weather did not "dampen" the spirits of anyone.

As in past years WES is conducting its annual Can Food Drive to support the Wentworth / Warren Food Bank. (This year the student counsel took over this project) The goal is to collect 250 non - perishable food items prior to the Thanksgiving break. If the school reaches its goal, (which it has always done in the past) the administration will provide the school with a pizza party. Please support this effort. Thus far the school has collected 183 items towards its goal.

Our Librarian presented to the student and staff a challenge for each member of the school to read 100 books by the end of the school year. There are incentives built into this challenge throughout the year to support this program.

Save the dates:

Oct.1st NECAP Testing begins.Gr.3-8

Oct.5-9 Scholastic book fair @ WES

Oct.6th WES Open House 6:00 - 7:00pm @ WES

Oct 7 & 8 Grades 7 and 8 AMC Trip

Oct 9th ½ day 11:45am dismissal

Oct 12th NO School Columbus Day

Oct 15th grades K – 4 Billings Farm field trip

Oct. 19th School board meeting 6:00pm @ WES

Kudos'

To all the new Teachers in our learning Community. Ms. Erin Kindl Grade 1, Ms. Molly Lash Kindergarten, Ms. Karen Flynn Librarian & Mr. Nick Gagnon 7 & 8 Grade Math & Science. What great additions to our school.

To Mr. Tristan Blake & Mr. Nick Gagnon for organizing this year AMC trip. A job well done.

To Ms. Karen Flynn for all her energy and extra time putting together the reading challenge.

To coach Dan Medaglia for all his hard work this season. His positive attitude while working with our student athletes was a joy to watch. Great season.

To ALL the students, faculty and staff for their hard work and support during all the testing this fall. There was a lot of time spent on these test and your efforts are well respected. Thank –you

To Mrs. Sarah Cormiea for her digital portfolio presentation during our in service day. It was a “refresher” for some staff and a nice introduction for our new staff.

To Dr. Ethel Gaides for all her extra efforts in help WES become a Title I School.

Dr. Ethel Gaides would like to add to the Kudos’ giving recognition to Mr. Charpentier for collaborating with Holly Barrett-Morse, Principal at Russell Elementary School to have Wentworth Elementary Students attend presentations as RES. Students will be viewing TIGERS presentation and meeting New Hampshire’s Author, Mary Lyn Ray.

Privilege of the Floor # 1: none

Correspondence - Mr. Charpentier handed out a copy of the Homework Policy Survey the school developed. The surveys went home with student over Columbus Day Weekend and a large number have already been returned.

Discussion Items- Dr. Gaides and Mr. Charpentier share with the School Board that a Banner from the Learning School Alliance will be sent to WES along with a prepared press release.

The School Board had a second reading of the SLD Policy. Bernice Sullivan made a motion to adopt the policy, seconded by Lee Morrison. The vote was unanimous.

The School Dental Health Program through Speare Medical is asking the school boards throughout SAU 48 to donate funds toward the program in the amount of \$1.00 per student. With the grant and fundraising the program still falls short of covering the costs. The school Board voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Charpentier shared with the school board the notification the Wentworth Elementary School is now asbestos free. The WES School Board requested to put in the newspaper as a Public Notice.

Wentworth Elementary School is preparing a policy for its new Library to make part of next year's handbook. The board had its first reading and made some recommendations.

Privilege of the Floor #2 – none

On a Motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, the Board unanimously voted to enter Non- Public Session at 6:50.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan the Board voted to end Non-Public at 8:35 and adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe
School Board Secretary