

Superintendent's Report

May 2016

On April 20 a representative of the **New Hampshire Division of Emergency Services and Communication** (DESC) visited all three schools to check on our 911 phone system. Chairman Brock has a copy of that report. There are recommendations in the document on improving our system that need to be addressed by our phone provider. Ms. Tucker is following up on these recommendations. If Board members want additional information, please contact her.

Mr. Lane visited on April 27, 2016. He and I discussed technology, curriculum, and having more positive collaboration and shared vision for the district (as opposed to the interests of individual schools, individual programs, etc.). He will be stopping back on May 24 to speak with key personnel. He would be available to attend the Board meeting for the portion that deals with a review of the Good to Great Plan and a review of selected portions of the negotiated agreements. It is great that he is able to turn his attention to Wilton-Lyndeborough before taking over on July 1. He appears to already know our district well, and is bringing the best of what he did in Hudson to the Board, staff students, parents and community.

Despite the long list of write-ins for **budget committee**, as of April 21 there were **still two open seats** and only three people who had not responded to whether they were willing to serve. I contacted Attorney Makechnie to determine when the district clerk can stop efforts to reach the three remaining people. Attorney Makechnie said the law changed in 2013, and is now silent on how long districts have to fill vacant seats. He stated that one of the small ConVal towns took until the end of May to fill a vacancy on its Board. The district clerk and I agreed that we would like to be able to report to the budget committee which meets on May 17 that she is not able to fill the seats with write-ins. Attorney Makechnie said that the members on the budget committee *from the town(s) where the vacancies exist* would then appoint. Mr. Dave Roemer is an invited guest at the May 17 budget committee meeting. He is going to help with defining roles and responsibilities as he understands them, as there are new members and a new chair.

Hot water extraction was done on the **carpet in the FRES music room** on April 28, 2016. This is in response to an unpleasant odor associated with the carpet and/or the adhesive and/or something used to clean the carpet since it was installed. Should this not mitigate the odor, the carpet and adhesive would most likely be replaced. Update: As of May 3, the odor was still present, and Mr. Erb is working with Dave Ross on a schedule for replacement. While walking through FRES, it is great to see how well the staff, especially the custodians, are maintaining the building. There are a few items remaining on the building/renovation plate, but the overall building looks better with each visit I make.

May 5 was LCS **incoming Kindergarten** parent orientation for 2016-2017 school year. Registrations still stand at 30 definite and 4 more possible. The **extended Kindergarten** program has 18 registered, which covers the cost of the paraprofessional that implements the program. The numbers are not high enough to include an aide position; however with the Kindergarten class sizes at 10-12, the Kindergarten aides will be able to help out if needed.

Respectfully submitted,
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