

Friends of RSU 16

Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2019

Present: David MacMahon, Mary Martin, Ken Healey, Amy Hediger, Mary Ella Jones, Eriks Peterson, Norm Davis, Carl Beckett, Hester Gilpatrick, Dave Gilpatrick, Suzie Stover, Don Stover, Debbie Lamb, Danielle Loring, Mrs. Jackson and grade 6 students from Minot Consolidated School

Welcome/Introductions: Introductions were made.

Presentation: Grade 6 Persuasive Letter Writing Project: Mrs. Jackson provided an overview of lessons from a grade 6 unit on persuasive letter writing. The topic studied was year-round schooling. Students researched the topic, formed and supported an opinion, and wrote letters to Mr. Healey, RSU 16 Superintendent of Schools. Six students shared their letters and then answered questions from the group. The presentation was attended by student family members.

Presentation: Department of Education, District and School Report Card: Amy Heidger, RSU 16 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director, discussed the components of the upcoming DOE district and school report card, which is scheduled to be released to the public at the end of January. School progress will be reported on five indicators (absenteeism, academic progress, progress of English language learners, academic achievement, and graduation rate). All Maine schools will be rated as emerging, developing, meeting or excelling. Amy reviewed each indicator and possible strategies to address areas of need. RSU 16's Maine Educational Assessment scores were compared to state scores. Amy shared a Grade 3 Student Released Item Booklet.

Budget Overview: Ken Healey and Mary Martin attended a Selectmen's Meeting in Minot on January 2nd to provide an overview of the 2019-2020 budget process. They will attend a Selectmen's Meeting in Poland on January 15th and a Town Council Meeting in Mechanic Falls on February 4th.

Meeting Schedule: Friends of RSU 16 will meet the second Friday of each month during the school year. (February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Friends of RSU 16 will be February 8th at Elm Street School Conference room at 9:00.

Thank you to Hester Gilpatrick for the yummy doughnuts!