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Principal Report

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A team from WLC (Katie Gosselin, Sarah Edmunds, Zach Provost, and Erin Lhotsky) attended the Fall 2018 New Hampshire Universal Design for Learning Innovation Meeting in Concord on Sept. 28. UDL is a framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn. The team spent the day thinking about teaching and learning and ways to help give all students an equal opportunity to succeed. The UDL approach offers flexibility in the ways students access material, engage with it and show what they know. Representatives from UDL visited with WLC teachers on October 2nd during the faculty meeting.

Middle School Teachers have implemented the Math Action Plan during period 5. Four times a week students are working on math, 49 minutes Monday and Tuesday and 25 minutes Wednesday and Thursday.

The WLC Library has been a bustling space this month. Students have used the comfortable seating for collaboration as well as independent work. The new movable white boards have helped students in Calculus class work through difficult problems, brainstorm volunteer ideas for clubs, and as a space for creativity and self-expression. Middle school students have been frequent visitors getting reading books. Seniors have begun formalizing their Essential Questions for their Senior Projects and are beginning formal research using library databases and resources. As always, all students are encouraged to notify Mrs. White if there are books or sources that they would like to have added to the library collection.

Parent/teacher conferences were held on October 4th. From 3:30pm- 7:30pm teachers from both the Middle and High School were available to meet with their child's teacher to review his/her progress. The conference was held in the gymnasium.

Coffee and Conversation with the WLC Principals Brian Bagley and Sarah Edmunds started on October 4th from 8am- 9am. For the remainder of the school year the conversations will be scheduled on the last Friday of each month.

This month there will be several colleges visiting WLC. They include St. Joseph's College, Colby Sawyer College, Rivier University, Plymouth State College, St. Anselm College, and the University of Rhode Island.

Department Meetings the past month have been devoted to curriculum unit writing. Twice a month Departments meet and work together writing curriculum. Time has also been spent creating their budget for 2019-2020 school year.

This fall, the faculty began working collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities on writing and editing Curriculum. The goal is to have all curriculum written in a cohesive format by the end of the year in time for our Decennial NEASC Accreditation Visit in October, 2019. PLCs are an important opportunity for teachers to support each other's work and collaborate to improve learning opportunities for students.

Red Ribbon week is taking place at WLC October 22- 26. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States.

October 30th Early Release Day Science teachers will be working with a facilitator on Next Gen Science Standards and how they impact curriculum and instruction. The rest of the faculty will be working on writing curriculum. All teachers will then meet and begin formally drafting WLC's Values and Beliefs about Learning, as part of their NEASC work.

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