

Director's Report to the Board of Education January 2010 – Happy New Year



Item #1: 2010-2011 Budget Process

On January 7, 2010, the SVRTSD Governing board adopted the 2010-2011 CDC budget by a vote of 10-0. The staff and administration wish to take this opportunity to thank the board for its support of our programs and our students.

Item #2: Communication Technologies:

Dual Enrollment

Six students have successfully completed their Digital Photography coursework through our CCV Dual Enrollment Program. Each has earned three college credits for the class. These students will go on to take either Graphic Design 1 or Graphic Design 2 during the spring semester. Hopefully more students will be eligible to enroll for the spring semester based on their Accuplacer test scores.

Printer Installed



The Kyocera TASKalfa printing system was installed on January 8, and students are already at work printing Program of Studies booklets. In addition to the hands on work, students are engaged in developing spreadsheet cost estimators that will be used to ensure that jobs stay on budget. A student from the Business Management Program is lending her expertise in this area.

Classroom Wear and Tear
Over the holiday break a counter and bookcase began to sag.

These were installed when the building was constructed. Kudos to the maintenance department who acted quickly to repair the fixtures, keeping the classroom safe and ready for student use. Their extra effort will extend the useable life of this equipment.

Item #3:

Human Services students continue to learn about working with people. First year students learned about workplace safety and are now learning about prenatal development. Second year students are learned about observation & assessment and are

currently studying mental illnesses in childhood. They are also getting hands-on experiences two days a week in our on-site lab, Growing Upright at the CDC as well as at UCS Infant & Toddler Center and at Anna Deery's registered home day care.

The Human Services Club members volunteered extensively with the Warm the Children program. They also purchased holiday gifts for 11 needy children. Seniors are anxiously awaiting college acceptance news, with acceptances already in hand from Elmira College, Herkimer and Hudson Valley Community Colleges, Colby-Sawyer and Castleton State Colleges.

Item #4:

The Cosmetology students are happy to be back from their holiday break. Cos 1 is planning a community service fieldtrip this Friday to Bennington Project Independence, offering manicures to its members and staff.

Both cos 1 & 2 are in the planning stage of our annual spaghetti dinner at the Bennington Moose Club to be held on February 25th. This fundraiser is to help support our annual trip to NYC for the International Beauty Show in March. This will be our 3rd annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser; which has proven to be a great success. This is a fun night out with family and friends enjoying a great meal and the excitement of a Chinese auction. Many thanks go out to our supporters for their donations.

Let's add to this report that we are working toward getting Cos 2 students started at the beginning of 2nd semester on their co-op rotations through 6 local salons. This co-op program will run from January 28th – May 7th. Each Cos 2 student will spend 1 day per week for 2 weeks, from 10am – 1pm, at a salon.

Item #5:

A 2002 Chevy Impala was donated to the CDC from the town of Bennington. The car will receive a complete mechanical overhaul from the students in Tom Haskins auto program. Our current plan is to spruce the car up really nice and offer it up as a drawing among CDC students with perfect attendance this May.

Item #6: Medical Professions:

The Medical Professions II students are nearing the completion of



their First Responder class with the Bennington Rescue Squad. All students will

be taking their practical exam on 1/19. In order to receive certifications, students will need to also complete a computer-based written exam at a testing center in Albany (date to be determined).

Item #7: Building Trades:

So far 3 students have completed their on-line OSHA 10 hour training and received certificates, and several others are nearing completion.

On January 12th and 13th BT2 students and J. Gilbert took the Vermont Dept. of Health Essential Maintenance Practices course to learn proper techniques for working with lead paint in older buildings. The instructor is Ron Rupp, from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doc Barone