# Head of Schools/RA Principal’s Report for January 2, 2018 Board Meeting

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### To attract to Rivendell students, parents and faculty who value a strong academic focus

1. Nancy Hall and Michael Galli attended the choice night at Lebanon High in December. They met with approximately 11 families.
2. Nancy Hall and I attended the choice night at Chelsea. We handed out 17 information packets and talked to several more families.
3. Nancy Hall and I will attend a choice night at Lyme on January 9\(^{th}\).
4. I asked Ross Convertino to call the Chelsea AD to discuss our support for their athletes.
5. Nancy Hall has contacted Chelsea with an offer for us to send a bus for students who would like to spend a day at the Academy.
6. Angel Parkin has compiled the attached statistics on out-of-district enrollment since 2009. The numbers show a steady increase in our out-of-district enrollment.
7. We currently have an overflow of students eligible for driver’s education. There are 15 students with summer birthdays that we cannot support in a class and another 15 students with fall birthdays that will be eligible. Several years ago we hired a teacher for the summer. The summer course attracted a good number of students from Woodsville who paid for the course. Driver’s education is not a moneymaker, but offering the course for area students would be a service to the community, solve the problem we will face finding a teacher and help promote the district.

### To cultivate the most supportive school culture possible

1. We have found a certified English teacher to fill the long-term substitute position in English. I am transitioning (with some difficulty) out of teaching the 9\(^{th}\) grade English class.
2. Story Graves has taken on teaching a writing course during study block for approximately 8 students.
3. The digital culture leader and the 7/8 counseling positions are still open. After completing an outside obligation, Kate Paxton is scheduled to resume as a long term counseling sub in January.
4. Rachel Sanders, Kerry Browne, Laszlo Bardos, Paige Radney and I are attempting to complete a Rowland Fellowship application before December 31st. It is unclear if we will make the deadline.

5. The faculty revised the Thursday schedule to reduce an unneeded extra-long lunch and put the time back in the schedule. They also reduced class meetings to once a month.

6. Eric Reichert, Staff Infection, Jen Ellis and the Fun Club, Anna Alden and the chorus, and the senior class put together a great holiday assembly.

7. Story Graves and Kirsten Surprenant are organizing a global students bike trip to Quebec City. The trip will begin after school is out.

8. Laszlo Bardos and I met with three staff from the tech center at Hartford to discuss possible collaboration on Rivendell projects. The staff was very open to discussing ways to collaborate.

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**To identify and effectively communicate a clear cohesive narrative of who we are as a school community**

1. We are sending out our promotional booklets to Lyme, Warren, Piermont, Chelsea, and Waits River.

2. We have almost completed creating a digital portfolio of documents for the Vermont Integrated Field Review on January 9th.

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**Other**

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