# Elementary Schools Principal Report October 2, 2018 Board Meeting

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

1. Working to improve Tier One instruction after fall data collection
2. Examining new literacy models
3. Focus of the month for math centers (a new model): place value
4. Examining new literacy curriculum – working to identify strengths and weaknesses (comprehension)
5. Examining need for Tier One supports in speech and occupational therapy
6. Working with the Montshire to help with our literacy and math goals

## To cultivate the most supportive school culture possible

1. Much work was completed on a new and comprehensive handbook.
2. New behavior protocol has resulted in students staying in class and having less interrupted class time.
3. Proactive behavior planning has aided students to be supported before they have issues
4. EST team has been very helpful to have the PK-12 perspective. Teachers are very pleased!
5. New schedule has allowed for more time for teachers to meet.
6. Teachers report having more time to focus on student learning with “hard line” approach to discipline.
7. Calming corners or “zen zones” have been added to each classroom as a tier one support for teachers
8. Provided structure particularly to SME
9. Provided cultural change at SME (staff) expecting professional behavior and communication
10. Provided staff surveys on new systems in order to gain feedback for improvement
11. Performed 57 walkthroughs with immediate feedback to help improve teaching and learning.
12. Tier One supports provided in classrooms (fidgets, OT tools).
13. New mentoring program for new teachers district wide
14. Great field trips to Tunbridge Fair and the Hood Museum.
15. Working closely with Maggie Stodnour to bolster our usage of the Rivendell trail. (Two field trips already)
16. Working with Friends of Rivendell on our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat at WES on 10/28
17. Working with Elaine and her team on our improvement in Winter Activities – open house scheduled for 10/18 and survey out
18. Streamlined communication system for teachers using smore.com
19. New behavior referral system

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