

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017

Killington Elementary School
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jen Iannantuoni, Laura McKenna, Butch Findeisen, Mary Guggenberger – Principal, Richard Seaman - WCSU Finance Director, Sarah Rasmussen – Recording Secretary

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:25 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda – removed the “Review and Comment on the Report of the Act 46 Study Committee”
3. Community Engagement/Public Comment –
Lucretia Wonsor, came to discuss how to set up items for the ballot in March.
4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Butch made a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2016 meeting, Laura seconded with the following additions: Approved the hire of Tierney Vaughan as a para-educator. Board approved minutes.
5. Action/Discussion Items:
 - Act 46 Update - Jen reviewed the status of last night’s meeting.
 - Establish Date for Special Meeting to Vote to Bring Articles of Agreement to Townspeople at Town Meeting:
The Town Informational meeting will be held on February 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Killington Town office meeting room. On Election Day, March 7th, there will be a vote on Act 46 via Australian ballot, this is to decide on whether Killington will join the WUHS Unified School district
 - Policy Adoption: CODE B7 – Tobacco Prohibition – Butch made a motion to accept the policy, Laura seconded. Approved.
 - Policy Adoption: CODE C1 – Education Records – Butch made a motion to accept the policy, Laura seconded. Approved.
6. REPORTS:
Principal’s Report:
Education:
 - Afterschool Program - The KES Afterschool Program is growing with many participants lately. Heather Harvey has volunteered her time to teach yoga to the after school children a partnership has formed with the Killington Rec. Dept. to now offer Sports of all Sorts on Fridays to our participants. The After School Program has a structured routine beginning with a healthy snack followed by organized play time, and then 45 minutes of

reading and assisting children with their homework every day. It runs Monday through Friday, except Thursdays during Trailblazers, from 3 PM until 5 PM.

- Summer Programming - Summer Soak is a Medicaid funded program will take place at WUHS from July 3rd through July 28th. KES is planning summer enrichment as well and will determine needs and potential dates in the upcoming weeks.
- Student Council is making plans to promote school spirit as well as to raise money toward the purchase of new soccer nets. Part of their efforts to raise money will be focused on a school store while others efforts will be in the form of providing childcare during KEEPERS functions.
- Puppets in Education will visit KES during the morning of January 24th. This program focuses on anti-bullying and positive attitudes. Thank you, Ms. Dolan, for pursuing the grant to bring this worthwhile program to KES!
- Teachers participated in a district-wide professional development day on January 16th. Grades K-2 teachers met with the literacy coach for the WCSU at The Prosper Valley School in Pomfret to strengthen skills in assessing reading and writing skills. Grades 3-6 teachers met with the math coach for the WCSU at Woodstock Elementary School to analyze supplemental math resources in order to strengthen the current *Investigations* math program. All teachers reported positive feedback from these two important and engaging professional development opportunities.
- Trailblazers - KES Trailblazers Program began on January 14th despite the unseasonal temperatures and liquid precipitation coming from the sky. The KES students owned the hill as they broke through the fog at the top of the mountain with big smiles just happy to be outside and skiing in their groups. We are looking forward to the remaining eight ski days not letting the weather dampen our spirits. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this program happen, including the numerous volunteers behind the scenes who ensure students are equipped to perform to their potential. Also, thank you to Killington Ski Resort for supporting the KES Trailblazers Program each year to allow many of our students a first-time experience in skiing. KES Trailblazers runs each Thursday afternoon through March 16th. Come join us on the hill!

Business:

- Enrollment: K-6 - 84; Preschool - 16; Tuition students - 32
- Safety: Lockdown drills and Egress drills are on schedule according to VPA guidelines.
- Buildings & Grounds:
 - A new snow blower has been purchased by Dave Cleaves as the old one is now beyond repair.

7. Action/Discussion Items (cont.):

- FY18 Budget: Discussion of Insurance and what plan will be chosen for KES. Board to review with modeling and will decide at a future meeting. Reviewed line items in budget and adjusted as necessary. Review of Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Calculations for KES.

Richard will adjust the budget with the corrections and will report back at 4:00 pm.

- Butch made a motion for the Board to temporarily adjourn until 4:00 pm, Laura seconded.

8. Board reconvened at 4:00 pm with Jen, Laura and Butch in attendance. Laura made a motion to approve a FY18 budget of \$1,713,927. Butch seconded it. Approved.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.