

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's

Friday, January 25, 2013 @ 8:15 am

APPROVED

Present – Loren Pepe, Principal, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, and Alice Worth, Superintendent.

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:15 am. A motion was made to go out of order to discuss School Safety and Crisis Planning, second and approved.

KES Safe School Notes:

Culture-

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (Superstar Program)
- Crisis Prevention Intervention (training to help de-escalate a student who is anxious, defensive, and/or acting out)
- Other: CPR Training, Act 1, KES Policies around Discipline, Bullying, Harassment, etc...

Security –

- All doors are locked with the exception of the front door.
- Lockdown and Evacuation Drills are practiced throughout the school with regularity.
- Crisis Plan includes details for evacuation, lockdown, etc... The plan is located at the KES Principal's Office and at the Killington Fire House.
- Alice Worth, Superintendent, attended a Superintendent's meeting in Montpelier. The Chief of the State Police was at the meeting and recommended 2 drills/ month. KES already does this. Also to keep Log of Drills.

Testing the Plan –

- Law enforcement will join us in upcoming drills to help us determine any new considerations we should make in regard to our plan. Law enforcement would then attend a KES Board meeting to update and make changes.
- A VSBIT representative will review our policies and plans and also make suggestions for consideration. VSBIT will also share a newly designed "Threat Assessment Toolkit."
- Jennifer, Kristin and Butch agreed to have public town meeting before any decisions were to be made.

2. Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 21, 2012, with one change to the Principal’s report. Preschool-during a recent winter fire drill, the back Exit where the Preschooler’s exit is unsafe due to ice and snow build up. Preschool should go through attached bathroom and kitchen exit or through cafeteria exit in winter months. The minutes were second and approved.
3. Public Comments/Visitors – Jennifer Phelps and Roger Rivera.
4. Action/Discussion:
 - Tuition Rate – up by 4%. The cost of tuition is \$11,830.
 - Budget Adoption – completed. A question from payroll and benefits addressed and taken care of.
 - Policy 1st Reading Acceptable Use – received to review for February Board meeting.
 - Policy 1st Reading Bullying of Students – received to review for February Board meeting.
5. Executive Session – A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 9:47 am. Superintendent Concerns. Out at 10:30 a.m. No action taken.
6. Principal’s Report – Loren presented her Town Report for the KES.
Educational Issues –
 - Technology Infrastructure – Peter Hike is installing Windows 8 to all Hike Lab computers. This is done in anticipation of the Smarter Balanced Assessment requirements for student on-line testing. KES Board had concerns that Windows 8 may need additional hardware. Not preferred.
 - January 18th Inservice – Common Core and Tech Integration Using the iPad. Faculty engaged in a very productive and informative Inservice day with presenter, Ed Bianchi. New apps presented will enable us to differentiate the curriculum and personalize learning for students as we implement the new Common Core State Standards.
 - Trailblazers – Trailblazers Ski and Ride Program at KES is off and running. Students have enjoyed two days on the mountain. Volunteers across the board have helped the school continue this program. In order to ensure safety, some children are renting skis and boots versus using equipment donated by parents. Killington provided us with rentals. Equipment is currently transported by a parent volunteer versus using the school bus. A suggestion was made to have parents drop off skis and poles at Killington Mountain versus the school.
 - Website – Updates are being made by Chris Bianchi. More on this at our February meeting.
 - School Safety – Loren Pepe arranged for school security discussions recently with law enforcement officers, a Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust (VSBIT) representative, and Countryside Locks and Alarms. Further analysis will be done on this and ten discussed with the KES Board. Generally, however, KES has a solid plan in place to prevent and advise in the event of a crisis.
 - Town Report –Town Report is completed and sent to the Killington Town Office.

- KES Faculty and Staff Kudos – Loren Pepe shared “kudos” for KES staff (Their dedication, warmth, skill, etc...) recently received by two different outside therapists who work with students.

Business Issues –

- Enrollment – 82
 - Preschool – 21
 - Red Cross Shelter Initiative – The training for Red Cross Shelter volunteers was held on January 14th. The trainer commented that he was impressed to see a group of trainees that are mostly staff members of the school that would become the shelter. The following individuals attended the training: Shelia Pilsmaker, Whitney Willis, David Cleaves, Gail Flynn, Joan Wise, Loren Pepe, and community member, Marcia Stoller. A second but equal training will be offered later in the year if volunteers are willing to attend. Kudos for attendees at the Red Cross Training!
 - Safe Routes to School – work in progress.
 - Gym Use
 - Other
 - Building and Grounds –New items addressed; repair of trim and siding at roof/wall intersection above gym entrance ramp – estimate \$1300. Address decay along bottom edge of siding at entry of front of school – estimate \$1800. New Roof needed. We need to apply sealant to the Kid’s Kingdom. The original structure was constructed with pressure treated wood. The only reason we would need sealant is to avoid splintering wood. Since we are using the Trex now for most surfaces, sealant is not needed on these surfaces. Summer of 2013 we are estimated to spend \$3000 to replace treated surfaces with Trex composite decking, replace handrails and diagonal railing pieces. The Asbestos Management Plan needs a 6 month surveillance completion – March 2013. New locks ordered. Received and installed by Dave. Paid from Maintenance Reserve. 4x4 box around sign at the end of the road – Andrew McKenna paid \$1500 from Maintenance Reserve. Video Surveillance Cameras are now onto school security. Emergency Generator is out of the budget. Alarm system – considering 2 separate alarm systems. Whit Montgomery should have a key to the school. Red Cross Shelter – shelving needed – estimate of \$1000. School should not need to pay for this. Will be discussed with the town. Final Maintenance Reserve amount - \$3,393.36.
7. Superintendent’s Report – Windsor Northwest Supervisory Union (WNWSU) disbandment discussion.
 8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m., second and approved.

Upcoming meetings: WCSU Board – Monday, February 11, 2013 @ 6 pm @ WUHSMS Library.
KES Board of Director's meeting Friday, February 15, 2013 @ 8:15 am. @KES.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk