

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Killington Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 8:20 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda - Jen made a motion to move out of order, Butch seconded.
3. Public Comment:
AJ Rubenstein and Ray Rice from the Pittsfield School Board came to discuss ideas related to Pittsfield and how they can work with Killington related to Act 46.
4. Butch made a motion, Laura seconded to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2016 and October 24, 2016. Approved.
5. Action/Discussion Items:
 - Act 46 Update – Jen updated the board on Act 46 Committee discussions.
 - Establish Announced Tuition Rate - Butch made a motion to set the tuition rate for next school year at \$13,185, Laura seconded. Approved.
 - Budget Discussion - Mary is meeting with Richard next week to begin budget planning. Board will meet with Mary again on 11/28 at 8:15am to begin budget discussions.
6. Reports:

Principal's Report

Education:

- The night of October 28th was filled with creativity as Mrs. Simonds' sixth grade class did not disappoint in delivering a Halloween experience to the KES community. Many thanks to Mrs. Simonds, the sixth grade students, and especially their parents for keeping the KES Halloween tradition alive! Also, thank you to Kim Peters and the Killington Rec Department for organizing the games in the cafeteria.
- On Friday, November 11th, there is no school for students while teachers conduct parent conferences and KEEPERS facilitate the ski swap in the cafeteria. Report cards were sent home before conferences so that parents would be able to prepare questions prior to meeting with the teacher. SBAC and NECAP results will also be shared and discussed at parent conferences.
- The KES After School Program is fun, energetic, educational and growing in numbers. Children are engaged in outside activities, nutritious snacks, and structured

homework/tutoring sessions, leaving more enjoyable time to spend with family in the evening. The KES staff recognizes the importance of a strong and viable after school program and we are dedicated to its continued growth.

- Kindergarten through grade -3 students went to Castleton University Performing Arts Center for a science performance called "Toying with Science" with Garry Krinsky. Mr Krinsky created this science program focusing on gravity, air resistance, and simple machines. He connected music, juggling, and even balanced objects, such as a ladder on his chin, to the themes of the program. It was a fun and spectacular show that was enjoyed by all.
- The Vermont Agency of Education visits went very well during the afternoon and morning of November 8th and 9th, respectively. Two different teams of 3-4 visitors observed multiple areas of teaching and learning, including morning sing and lessons in classrooms. One team interviewed a panel of parents while another team interviewed teachers and students. Thank you to the KES community for actively participating in this work.
- SBAC and NECAP scores have been officially released and are ready for sharing. KES students performed similarly to 2014-15. In SBACs, 82% of students tested were proficient or above in ELA/Literacy and 75% of students tested were proficient or above in Mathematics, compared to 87% and 74%, respectively, last year. The state average in ELA/Literacy for 2015-16 for students who are proficient or above is 56% in ELA/Literacy and 48% in mathematics. In 2014-15, the state averages were 53% in ELA/Literacy and 44% in mathematics.
- Grade four students take the NECAP tests for Science. 69% of the students tested were proficient while 8% were proficient with distinction, with the state being 47% and 1%, respectively. KES 2014-15 NECAP test results in Science resulted in 46% of students at proficient and 8% proficient with distinction and the state being 45% and 1%, respectively.

Business:

- Enrollment: K-6 - 82; Preschool - 14
 - Tuition students - 32
- Safety: Egress drill was performed on 10/31/16. All Egress and lockdown drills have been performed on schedule according to the VPA Guidelines thus far.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

