

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, Laura McKenna, Marry Guggenberger – Principal, Sarah Rasmussen – Clerk

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:25 am
2. Butch made a motion to go out of order for the agenda, Jen approved.
3. Butch made a motion to approve Minutes of previous meeting of November 9, 2017. Jen seconded, approved.
4. Community Engagement/Public Comment - none
5. Principals Report:

Education:

- The KES students performed at the Festival of Trees on Friday, December 1st at the Killington Grand Hotel. Mrs. Christine Morton, KES music teacher, led the students through four festive songs to kick off the holiday season. KES is always appreciative and proud to be participating in this community event. Thank you to Killington Ski Club for donating the tree for students to decorate. This year's decoration theme was based on our holiday concert theme, *A Holiday Moosical*. Students made all of the ornaments and won the category of Best Kids' Tree. Way to go, KES Teachers and Students!
- The tradition of the third grade holiday store will once again be in full swing on December 20th and 21st. Many items have been donated to stock the shelves in order for KES students to buy and sell goods in this "real-world" math lesson. Any money generated from this activity is donated to a local charity chosen by third grade students. Thank you to the community for your donations.
- Students in grades K-2 were visited by the Wonderfeet Kids' Museum on Wednesday, November 29th. Their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) skills were challenged with the task of building an animal habitat with giant foam blocks of all shapes and sizes. Through curiosity, exploration, and creativity, teams of students constructed a multitude of contraptions that would be the envy of some of the most ingenious engineers. Many thanks for the generosity of the Wonderfeet Kids' Museum for bringing this opportunity to KES students.

- Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, a Vermont author and Dorothy Canfield Fisher book award nominee, presented her life's passion to grades 3-6 for three full days in November. Kinsey-Warnock was raised on a dairy farm in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont where her Scottish ancestors settled almost 200 years ago. Writing books and studying her family's genealogy was the subject of her visits to KES to share "The Heritage Project." This exciting instruction was made possible in part by the KEEPERS (Killington Elementary Educators and Parents Encouraging Rising Stars). The following quote from one fifth grade student captures the energy left in the wake of Kinsey-Warnock's instruction: "I was very interested in this project because I wanted to learn about my relatives and the cool things they did. I can't wait to learn more about my great grandma. I'm very thankful to Natalie, for teaching me how to research my family and learn my family tree." KES is very fortunate for and appreciative of all of the literacy opportunities that have been presented so far this year.

Business:

- Enrollment: K-6 - 88; Preschool - 20 (11 from Killington)
 - Tuition students - 34
- Safety: All Egress and lockdown drills have been performed on schedule according to the VPA Guidelines thus far.

6. Action/Discussion Items:

Budget Discussion – Jen reviewed the Budget Points that were presented to the Board on Monday night by the School Superintendent.

7. Board agreed on next meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 8:15 am at KES.

8. Butch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 am.

Next Meeting: KES Board- Thursday, January 24th, at 8:15 a.m., Killington Elementary School