

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting  
Thursday, February 8, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, Laura McKenna, Mary Guggenberger – Principal; Sarah Rasmussen – Recording Secretary, Joe Borzekowski,- community member

1. Call to Order at 8:30 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda – request to add an Executive Session
3. Jen made a motion to go out of order, Laura seconded.
4. Action/Discussion Items:

Budget Report:

Jen updated the Board regarding the WSUUSD Budget and how it was created this year. Each elementary school, with input from WCUUSD board, drafted a budget. The MS/HS budget was drafted by WCUUSD board. The overall budget is now divided up by the entire count of district students. As a reminder, Plymouth is in WCUUSD district but Pittsfield is not and instead is a choice school who sends students to the district.

In total, spending is down within the entire budget. An area still to be determined is the Food Service, district wide. Employees in the district will now have an 85/15 split for health care premiums, the State of VT will institute a penalty to the district due to the teachers not paying 20% of the premium. An Early Retirement program will be offered district wide to eligible teachers. We are now a school choice district – a parent can send their child to any school within the WCUUSD district for elementary school.

5. Jen made a motion to approve the Minutes of Previous Meeting: December 13, 2017, Laura seconded. Approved.

6. Community Engagement/Public Comment:

Board answered questions for Joe regarding budget for next year.

7. Principal's Report

Education:

- The KES Talent Show is returning on February 16th at 11 AM. Students of all ages are encouraged to share their interests and enthusiasm for the stage. Auditions are conducted and a dress rehearsal is scheduled in order for students to be well-prepared for their performance. The Talent Show is open to all family members of our students, as well as the community to enjoy.
- January is National Ski Area Association (NSAA) Ski Safety Awareness Month. KES students in grades 4-6 are participating in a poster contest sponsored by Killington Ski Resort. Prizes will be awarded for the posters that best represent The Responsibility Code of the NSAA. The KES Trailblazers program (9 Thursday afternoons of skiing) promotes The Responsibility Code and instills these safety precautions at an early age. Thank you to Killington Ski Resort for the poster supplies that have motivated our students to create meaningful works of art. The deadline to submit the local winner to NSAA is March 2nd. Stay tuned for news of the lucky winner(s).

- KES is preparing to be more kind to each other during the month of February. Students will challenge themselves to complete acts of kindness between February 5th and February 14th from a checklist provided to them by the principal. Whoever turns in a list with at least 10 acts of kindness checked off will display a brightly colored heart in the cafeteria with their name on it. The reward: students will create a kinder place to work and play at KES. A special thank you to Nancy Hagge and her group of sewers for helping us to remember to be kind by making beautiful hearts to hang on our trees outside the school. The various colors brighten up our winter days and bring joy to our hearts!
- On Monday, January 22nd, the kindergartners and their families returned to school for a fabulous potluck dinner and game night. Despite some nasty weather, thirty-five attendees enjoyed an evening of getting to know the new student teacher from Castleton, Sara Palmer, and mingling with other families over a home cooked meal. Sara comes to us from New York, but currently resides in Killington. She will be student teaching in kindergarten for fourteen weeks and is excited for this opportunity. The Pot luck dinner was a great way to bring families together and to promote parent involvement.
- Mrs. Getty, 3rd grade teacher, and Ms. LeBrun, kindergarten teacher, are once again coaching Girls on the Run(GOTR) at KES. GOTR is a non-profit with a mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident. By using an interactive curriculum that creatively integrates running, coaches strive to positively impact girls in 3rd to 6th grade. In addition to the life-long lessons learned, the 10-week program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health, compassion, and community. Coaching will begin in early March. Thank you to Mrs. Getty and Ms. LeBrun for bringing this program to KES!
- Mrs. Simonds, grade 6 teacher, has conducted the National Geography Bee with students in grade 6 and has determined a local winner to take the exam to move on to the state level. Clara Shortle answered some very difficult questions correctly to become the candidate to represent KES. Congratulations to Clara for her accomplishment and thank you to Mrs. Simonds for your dedication to this program.
- Administrators of Windsor Central Unified District (WCUD) met on 2/1/18 to begin working on a unified Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP), or Action Plan, that will be the foundation for improved learning in grades K-12. The Education Quality Standards and results of the Integrated Field Review, which was conducted in 2017, were referenced in order to target areas for growth for all schools. Continued work on the CIP will result in three main goals for WCUD.

- Standardized testing windows have been announced by the Agency of Education. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing window is March 13th - June 1st. Standardized testing in science will no longer be administered in grade 4. Grades 5, 8, and 11 will now test in science between May 14th and June 1st.

Business:

- Enrollment: K-6 - 88 + 1 guest student through Feb. 12th; Preschool - 20 (11 from Killington)
  - Tuition students - 39
- Safety: All Egress and lockdown drills have been performed on schedule according to the VPA Guidelines thus far.
- The Crisis Team met on January 26, 2018 with Killington Mountain School (KMS) to review emergency procedures in the event of an evacuation from both KES and KMS. Procedures were reviewed to accommodate long-term power outages in the Killington area and the impact on housing for KMS residents.

8. Executive Session

10:18 am – went into executive session

10:37 am - came out of executive session

9. Jen made a motion to adjourn at 10:38 am. Meeting adjourned.