

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 8:15 A.M. at the Killington Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jen Iannantuoni, Laura McKenna, Butch Findeisen, Mary Guggenberger – Principal, Sarah Rasmussen – Recording Secretary

- Call to Order at 8:37 am
- Mary Guggenberger opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Board Chair.
Laura nominated Jennifer as chair of the board, approved.
Jen nominated Butch for vice chair of the board, approved.
Jen nominated Laura for Clerk of the board, approved.
- The board approved the proposed school board meeting schedule for 2017-18. Meeting agendas and minutes will continue to be posted at the same places – KES, Killington Town Hall and Post Office. The Mountain Times will continue to be the paper used for notifications.
- Board discussed the VSBA Code of Ethics and Jennifer signed it.
- Amendments to Agenda – Executive session will be called at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel issues.
- Jen made a Motion to approve board meeting minutes of February 9, 2017, Butch seconded, approved.
- Action/Discussion Items:
Board Discussed the Town Meeting Day results
Jen made a motion to approve the Staff Appointment with amendments by removing of the custodial for a final list of 17.43 FTE, Butch seconded, approved.
Jen made a motion to approve the FY18 School Calendar with changes made at meeting, Butch seconded it, approved.
- Reports
Principal's Report
Education:
Floating In-service - Teachers have been strengthening skills in the area of writing during floating in-service time this year. January 30th was an evening of collaboration among KES K-6 teachers to map out the scope and sequence of writing skills across grades and to align with CCSS, specifically in the speaking and listening claims of the ELA standards. The next floating

in-service will be on Monday evening, March 13th to analyze and discuss assessments used in our writing programs, Lucy Calkins Units of Study in particular.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)- The PBIS team at KES has been proactively encouraging students to remember to be respectful, responsible and safe while at school, home, and during extracurricular activities or, everywhere and always. Some recent initiatives to keep the spirit alive have been implemented, such as principal lunches, kind heart nominations, and an upcoming Pot of Gold incentive. Students are nominated by teachers who have been exemplary models of respect, responsibility, and safety, typically 2 per class, to dine with the principal once a month at a special luncheon complete with tablecloths, cloth napkins, and dessert! The next principal lunch will be March 31st. Thank you to KEEPERS for helping to set up this luncheon each month!

Kind hearts were recognized during the month of February. Students nominated students who were being kind to them or others by putting their name(s) on a heart and displayed in the cafeteria. Pot of Gold will be similar to kind hearts and students will earn gold coins for their model behavior. At the end of March, students will find out what surprise awaits them at the end of the rainbow!

Title I Funds - FY'18 - Through the Title I Allocation Process at WCSU, we learned that KES is eligible to receive approximately \$73,000 in Title I Funds next year. A grant will be submitted to the Director of Student Services by April 1st to support math and literacy learning.

Union Arena Hockey Tournament - Greg LaBella, PE teacher, will conduct the hockey semi-finals and finals on March 20th and 23rd for grades 3-6. On March 30th, Greg's students in grades 5 & 6 in the WCSU will meet at Union Arena in Woodstock for a tournament from 12-2 PM. Parents are welcome to attend as spectators at the arena.

Jump Rope for Heart/Parent Conferences - Greg LaBella will conduct the annual KES Jump Rope for Heart on April 13th. Students will spend most of the day in the gym jumping to raise money for the American Heart Association. Teachers will conduct parent conferences during that day.

The Killington Sugar Shack - Grade 4 sugaring is underway under the guidance of Steve Finneron (Thank you, Steve!) once again this year. KES is very proud of the grade 4 students who produce maple syrup each year in our own school yard. This could not be done without the help of parent and community volunteers. Thank you all for making this a reality for our community!

WUMS/HS Concert - A group of instrumental music students from KES will be performing at Woodstock Middle/High School on March 14th with the Middle and High School Band members. Students will arrive at WUMS/HS between 3:15 and 3:30 PM, practice with the middle/high school students, and perform for parents at 6:00 PM. Snow date will be at March 15th.

Puppets in Education-The performances of the Puppets in Education presentation at KES will be March 13th. Parents are invited to attend! The schedule for these presentations is: grades 3-4, 8:30-9:30 (Bullying and Learning Differences) ; Grades K-2, 9:40-10:40, (Bullying and Feelings) & grades 5-6 10:45- 12:00 (Bully Prevention Workshop).

KES Guidance - The Award winning film, SCREENAGERS, is coming to KES March 21st, for parents of student's grades 4 and up. Students in grades 5 & 6 are also invited to attend. SCREENAGERS is documentary film about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance. SCREENAGERS "depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addictions...and (offers) solutions on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world." After seeing the film, people say they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time. SCREENAGERS creator, Delaney Ruston, M.D., is a Stanford trained physician and social change documentary filmmaker who got the idea to make Screenagers while struggling with her kids over screen time. The film and informal discussion will be held March 21, 5:30 - 7:00 at KES. There will be light snacks and childcare available for younger children. Student's grades 5 & 6 are encouraged to attend with their parents. To view the SCREENAGERS trailer, see <https://vimeo.com/145826333> .

- Business:

Enrollment: K-6 - 85; Preschool - 16;

- Tuition students - 34

Safety: Lockdown drills and Egress drills are on schedule according to VPA guidelines.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Phone Quote for E911 - We have received a quote for an upgraded phone system for \$9,416.76 from Current Concepts. Corp. There is an opportunity to receive 50% of that amount through a Vermont State Enhanced E9-1-1 Grant Program. The deadline for the grant is March 31, 2017.

- Butch made a motion that the board apply for a grant that will help the KES building become E911 compliant, Laura seconded, approved. The board then approved to use up to \$5000.00 from the Buildings Reserve fund to pay for the remainder of the cost of the E911 compliance.
- Butch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:55 am to discuss Personnel Issues.
Butch made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:10 am.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.