

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jen Iannantuoni, Laura McKenna, Mary Guggenberger – Principal, Sarah Rasmussen – recording secretary

1. Call to Order at 8:25 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda – none
3. Laura made a motion to approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 9, 2017, Jen seconded, approved.
4. Community Engagement/Public Comment:  
Mary read a thank you letter from the Killington Community Cupboard and a thank you letter from Bev Anderson.
5. Action/Discussion Items:
  - Jen discussed the recent WCSU meeting and how Evaluations are being looked at across the district.
6. Reports  
Principal's report  
Education:
  - **Music in Our Schools Month** - On March 28th, the Woodstock High School (WHS) Symphonic Band performed two songs at KES while en route to Burlington to perform in front of a panel of judges from around New England. Fifty students from WHS wowed an audience of students, faculty, and visiting parents. The KES band students were invited to play the two songs which were performed at the WCSU Showcase Concert on March 15th at the WUHS with the high school band. A special thank you to Mr. Jodi Henderson, Mrs. Christine Morton and Mrs. Melissa Knipes for coordinating this event. This performance culminated this year's March celebration of Music in our Schools Month (MIOSM).
  - **NASA EarthKAM at KES** - Mrs. Simond's sixth grade students are now studying earth's climate change. Tom Estill, former educator for NASA, visited KES for

approximately two hours on Tuesday to instruct students in operating the camera on the space station. Students carefully chose locations that they have been researching all year, determined the exact coordinates, and then took pictures using a \$60 million camera! Some students shot pictures of the Great Barrier Reef to observe the bleaching caused by global warming. Others chose rain forests around the world that have been deforested and have contributed to the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. EarthKAM (EarthKnowledge Acquired by Middle school students) is a NASA educational program that enables students to learn about Earth from the perspective of space. The camera flew on five space shuttle missions before moving to the International Space Station in 2001. Thank you, Mr. Estill and Mrs. Simonds, for creating this engaging learning experience for the KES sixth grade students.

- **KES STEM WEEK** - March 27th through 31st was packed with STEM experiences for KES students. Each day, Laura MacLaughlin, a Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP) instructor, introduced each class to various components of energy, including wind and solar. On Thursday, March 30th, one of the only sunny days during that week, Mr. Estill brought his telescope to KES during recess so that students could view the sun with a special filter. It was a particularly opportune time to view the sun as there were developed storms, better known as sunspots, occurring on the sun that could be viewed with the telescope. We very much appreciate Mr. Estill for sharing his telescope and his knowledge with our students. The evening of March 30th culminated the week of STEM learning with a spaghetti dinner prepared and served by our parent group, KEEPERS, and a STEM Fair in the gym. Thank you to all who made this a successful evening.
- **The Killington Sugar Shack and Volunteer Pancake Breakfast**- Grade 4 sugaring was successful again this year thanks to the efforts of Steve Finneron (Thank you, Steve!) and numerous fourth grade parents who gathered sap, manned the sugar house, and boiled sweetness into the air for over a week. Mr. Finneron and parents make this endeavor a huge success each year and we are very grateful for their time and talents that they share with our fourth graders. We are so proud of everyone's efforts that we would like to share the fruit of their labor with all of our volunteers by inviting ALL volunteers to a pancake breakfast on Wednesday, April 12th at 8:15 AM. KES recognizes that our volunteers are the heart of our community and we are happy to show our appreciation for everything they do for us!
- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Testing Schedule** - Spring Break begins the week of April 17th. As soon as we return from break on April 24th, some students will begin testing for the state exams in Math and English Language Art (ELA)/Literacy. The window of testing at KES is April 24th through May 26th. Grades

five and six will test April 24th through May 12th. Grades three and four will test May 8th through May 26th.

- **Kindergarten Registration** - KES will host a kindergarten registration on Monday, May 1st from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM by appointment. Parents not able to attend on May 1st may call KES to set up an appointment for another time.

Business:

- Enrollment: K-6 - 84; Preschool - 16;
    - Tuition students - 34
  - Safety: Lockdown drills and Egress drills are on schedule according to VPA guidelines.
  - Buildings & Grounds:
    - Boiler Inspection - The annual boiler inspection in early March revealed deterioration of the air compressor tank, which is greater than 20 years old. The bottom of the tank is corroded from sitting water and is too thin to keep using. The tank will need to be replaced this summer. Based upon recommendations from the inspector, Mr. Cleaves has obtained quotes to replace the air compressor tank. It is most cost effective to replace just the tank and continue to use the existing pumps and motors attached to the tank. Replacement of the tank without installation is \$1,414
    - Summer Maintenance - Mr. Cleaves will identify areas in and out of the building in need of painting. Outside painting is done on a rotational basis in order to maintain the exterior of the building. Interior painting will focus on bathroom walls at the main entrance of the school.
7. Jen made a motion to approve up to \$3000 for the replacement of the tank on the school air compressor tank on the boiler from the Building Maintenance reserve. Laura seconded, approved.
  8. The Board reviewed end of year dates: June 9<sup>th</sup> KES Graduation, MS Step up day is June 14th, Last day of KES is June 13<sup>th</sup>. KES Field Day June 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 8<sup>th</sup>)
  9. Executive Session called at 9:45 am  
Came out of Executive session at 9:50 am

10. Motion was made by Jen to accept the letter of resignation from Greg Labella, Laura seconded.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.

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