

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, May 31, 2013@3:15 pm.

APPROVED

Present – Loren Pepe, Principal, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, and Kristin Schiessl-Alf.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:23 pm
2. Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2013, second and approved.
3. Public Comments/Visitors – Betsy Bianchi. Betsy gave an update on Safe Routes to school. A National walk is projected for the Fall of 2013, and possibly a local walk on June 5, 2013. The walk will be from Casey's Caboose to KES with a Constable present.
4. Action/Discussion:
 - a. Professional Development Funding – Sandy Farbman submitted a request for reimbursement for two professional development courses taken this year at \$545 and \$546 (Total: \$1,091), second and approved by the board.
 - b. KES Action Plan approval – tabled.
 - c. Receipt of FY2012 audit for Board to review.
5. Administrative Reports"

Principal's Report –
Educational Issues:

 - Mathematics at Home – Reports from the KEEPERS, teachers, and others in attendance indicate that Family Math Night, with 108 people in attendance, was a huge success. Parents loved the fact that children, parents, and teachers enjoyed 1 ½ hours immersed in math. The KEEPERS supplied pizza to make sure no one went hungry!
 - KES Teachers' Retreat - KES teachers spent May 23rd involved in collaborative discussion, analysis, and decision making about teaching and assessment. The day was primarily divided into three segments: Science, Writing, and Math. A simulated Science NECAP experiment and inquiry tasks as released by the state helped teachers better understand what students need to know and understand in science. Writing samples, also released from NECAP, allowed teachers to gain a good perspective of students' strengths in writing and determine

where work remains. The focus of the math discussion was primarily on remedial mathematics and how to help the students who are struggling learners in this area.

- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – Betsey Bianchi and committee members, Jamie Sudol, Loren Pepe, Jennifer Conley, Mona Colwell, and others met with SRTS personnel on Wednesday, May 29th to review next steps. KES has moved from the SRTS Basic Level to the Bronze Level!

The Board also discussed liability associated with the program's SRTS Walk to School Days.

- Nature's Classroom – Nature's Classroom was a fabulous learning experience for our sixth graders once again. Please refer to the KES Newsletter for sixth grader Quinn Alper's perspective of Nature's Classroom.
- Boston Trip for 5th Grade – Fifth graders, their teacher, and many parents attended the Boston trip once again.
- Third and Fourth Graders – Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Carey stayed overnight with third and fourth graders last week to get a head start on the scenery and music for their upcoming play. Please join us on Friday, June 14th for their production.

Business Issues:

- Enrollment -- 81; Preschool -- 22
- Vermont Principal's Association – Eunice Rice and three KES students (TJ Borzekowski, Maggie Rice, and Peter Sell) attended the VPA Service Grant Ceremony recently. KES accepted an award of \$500 to put toward the gardening efforts.
- Killington/ Pico Rotary Donation – Rotarians recently honored KES with a donation of \$500 to put into the Principal's Sunny Day fund. This fund is established to help students and KES families in need of extra support (ie. in the form of a new backpack, a winter coat, etc.).

- Sherburne Women’s Club Donation – The SWC recently send a generous donation of \$5000 to KES. The monies will be used to assist KES in three areas: School security (\$2500); (Kids’ Kingdom renovations (\$2000) and a new, sanitary cot for the health room (\$500). Plus, \$2,000 for Preschool: \$1,000 for supplies and \$1,000 for tuitions.
 - MAC Grant – KES learned that we are the recipients of a \$500 MAC grant through the supervisory union. This money is earmarked for the gardening project.
 - Website – Chris Bianchi continues construction of our new website.
 - Summer Enrichment – The first two weeks in August, KES will hold an opportunity for students to receive summer enrichment with teachers: Mrs. Garland, Ms. Naugle, and Mrs. Knipes. Information will be shared with parents in near future.
 - School Safety – School safety discussions continue. See attached updates. Received grant award from Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust - \$2000. Loren will check into VISBIT to get more information.
 - Capital Improvement - A capital improvement list created by Dave Cleaves was shared with the KES Board.
 - Building and Grounds – There is a leak in Guidance/speech office (March 2013). Loren to check into heat tape estimate. Playground renovations will continue with Doug Johnstone Carpentry with the SWC donation of \$2,000. The Gym floor will be striped this summer costing \$1,700.
6. Superintendent’s Report – None.
 7. Executive Session – In at 5 pm. Personnel Matter. Out at 5:05 pm. No action taken.
 8. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.
 9. Upcoming Meetings – KES Board Meetings – Monday, July 1, 2013@4 pm. at KES, and Friday, August 30, 2013@8:15 am. At KES.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.