

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2017

Present – Jennifer Iannantuoni, Laura McKenna, Butch Findeisen, Mary Guggenberger -
Principal, Sarah Rasmussen – Clerk

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 8:25 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda – Jen asked to add an Executive Session for personnel discussion
3. Jen made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2017, Butch seconded. Approved.
4. Community Engagement/Public Comment - none
5. Action/Discussion Items:

Accept with regrets the Resignation of Lisa Kaija. A new art teacher has been hired, Janet Cathey, who will be starting this fall.

Betty Hughes came to review Pre-School and give an update on next year. Starting next year she will have 16 kids in pre-kindergarten and 5 of her current students will be moving up to kindergarten. Betty is continuing with her involvement at the state level. Meghan will not be coming back next year and Betty is looking for a new staff person.

A motion was made by Butch to approve \$520 to Betty Hughes to take a course at the Early Childhood Summer Institute at Castleton, Laura seconded. Board approved. Mary will notify Betty.

2017 Year End Financials - none at this time, will be discussed at future meeting. June date TBD.

After School Program Year-End Planning – KES lost \$336 year to date and at this time the board is happy with the success of the program. Mary is unsure of money sources for next year. Shaina is interested in doing it again next year and is looking at various options with Mary to figure out how to make it financially viable for next year.

6. Reports

Principal's Report

Education:

- Spring Fling and Huck Finn's Catfish Derby - Much fun was had , including door prizes to entertain the whole family, this year's Spring Fling. Thanks to The Foundry at Summit Pond owners, Chris and Missy Karr, for producing this fabulous, fun, free event on Sunday, May 21st. Special thanks to the KES parent group, KEEPERS, for supporting this event, especially Rebecca Claffey, who acted as liaison between the KEEPERS and The Foundry's event planner. This event was so much fun and we look forward to the Catfish Derby on Saturday, June 10th from 11-2.

- KES sixth graders experienced a week-long field trip to Nature's Classroom in Ocean Park, Maine. They attended this field trip with other students from the supervisory union, with whom they will be attending middle school in the fall. The students had an amazing week, learning about the diverse ecosystems of the marsh, estuary, beach, and ocean, participating in team building activities, and developing friendships they will grow in just a few months.
- The Rutland County Bar Association and the Rutland Unit of the Vermont Superior Court invited KES fifth grade to this year's Law Day Mock Trial on May 19th at the Rutland County Courthouse. Thank you to the grade 5 parents who drove students and negated the need for a bus. Rutland area lawyers and judges performed a mock trial designed to provide basic educational information about a jury trial in an entertaining fashion. Jurors for the mock trial were randomly selected from the 5th grade classes in attendance. This year's theme for the trial was "Beauty and the Beast."
- Second grade students, along with other WCSU Elementary and high school students, participated in a "BioBlitz" at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park (MBRNHP). Guided by a park ranger, they explored different ecosystems with the goal of identifying components of a healthy ecosystem. They observed life in different ecosystems and learned that toads lay many eggs and need to lay them in water. They observed plants and learned that there are many types of mushrooms. This outdoor classroom was engaging and memorable for all! Thank you to all of the parents who helped in chaperoning this learning experience.
- First grade students welcomed six baby chicks to their classroom this spring. The excitement of watching them hatch built up until they all appeared just before Memorial Day weekend. One student described the experience as, "I think this project is cool because you get to see how they are different between when they first hatch to now." Thank you to Mary Helm for providing the eggs and bringing the chicks back to the farm to join their brothers and sisters. We look forward to this science project again next year!
- The Memorial Day Remembrance was moved to the gym due to rain but that didn't stop KES students from recognizing the importance of the holiday. The KES band performed eloquently followed by solemn Taps by Mac Abrams. Thank you to the students, parents, and teachers for your contributions to making this tradition most memorable each year.
- The last Principal Lunch was held on June 2nd. Seventeen students were recognized for their utmost respect, responsibility, and safety at school and during the numerous field trips that abound during the spring. More opportunities to show citizenship will be available next year as we will start these celebrations in October 2017. Thank you, KEEPERS, for your support in making this a very special monthly luncheon!

Business:

- Enrollment: K-6 - 85; Preschool - 16;
 - Tuition students - 34

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

- The Technology Committee met on May 30th to discuss current systems and needs for 2017-18 proceeding years. Constructive discussion confirmed the following:
 - 15 new Chromebooks (@226 each = \$3,390) would be purchased in June 2017 to replace Netbooks through grade 4. It was also recommended to purchase eight new desktops to replace failing hard drives and for both computer lab and classrooms are necessary in order to fulfill curriculum for grades k-2 in keyboarding and other programs designed for those grade levels. Approx. prices TBD.
 - Apps, such as Pixie and Type to Learn, that are downloaded to a hard drive in the computer lab, are now comparable to web-based apps, specifically Wixie and Keyboarding Without Tears, that are accessible with Chromebooks. Teachers will pilot the apps on Chromebooks to determine need for downloaded apps in computer lab.
 - 1:1 programs often require headphones. It was discussed and determined that an upgrade to the headphones is necessary for classroom production. A suggestion for brand and cost was made by Ms. Naugle and the committee agreed to order headsets for all grades at \$9.62 per student. The sets will travel with each student throughout their education at KES.
 - With the acquisition of 20 new iPads and cases, more charging area is required. Raphael Adamek has shared what WES is using for charging stations. Research is in progress.
 - A discussion regarding SmartTV Technology determined that it would be worthwhile to purchase one TV and install in the Library to use during PLC meeting and advance teaching and learning through this venue. SmartTVs could be an option to SmartBoards, if/when they begin to fail, at a fraction of the price.

- The Abbey Group was invited to discuss the advantages of employing a food service at KES. Before more formative discussions can ensue, a Request for Proposal (RFP) must be submitted to the VT Dept. of Education. As a recipient of federal funding, such as USDA subsidies, this RFP will help us define our needs along with potential resources available and better determine how a food service can benefit KES. The RFP is in the process of being filed with VT DOE. More work in this area will be prioritized over the next 4-6 weeks. Current expense approx. \$23,000.

7. Board went into Executive Session at 9:22 am for personnel discussions. Board came out of Executive session at 9:45 am. No action taken.

8. The board adjourned at 9:45 am.