

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, August 30, 2013@8:15 a.m.

APPROVED

Present – Loren Pepe, Principal, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, Alice Worth, Superintendent, David Leender, Financial Director, and Sherry Sousa, Special Ed. Director.

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.
2. The minutes from July 1, 2013 as may be amended, second and approved.
3. Public Comments/Visitors – Betsy Bianchi and Lucrecia Wonsor.
4. Betsy Bianchi updated the Board about the Safe Routes to School Program for KES, and that KES was given the Silver Level. There was discussion of a Travel Plan, Playground safety plan, and International Walk Day which is to be held in October 2013. The plan is still in progress and a revised plan to be sent to the Board.
5. Lucrecia Wonsor, Killington Town Treasurer, discussed warrants and the need to sign on a regular basis. Two Board members are required to sign the warrants. Alice will work on having a group meeting for Town Treasurers to discuss any issues and give ideas. Alice will be in contact with Lucrecia.
6. Nurse Contract - Motion to accept Jamie Sudol's resignation as KES School Nurse, second and approved. Loren recommended Susan Clark at 0.3 FTE, on Tuesdays 8 -1 pm., Wednesdays 12 – 3 pm, and an extra 3 hours to be determined. Motion to hire Susan Clark as KES School Nurse at 0.3 FTE, second and approved.
7. Administrative Reports:
Principal's Report-

Educational Issues:

- Summer Enrichment – The summer enrichment program was well attended. Students reconnected with friends, received a boost in academic skills, and prepared to enter school on the first day more prepared and ready to learn.
- July Reading Camp – The summer reading program offered to several students at KES proved to be successful. Joan Wise met with five separate students for up to two hours per week for an intensive 1:1 reading session. All students maintained reading practices at home and at school and enjoyed their sessions. The program was funded through Medicaid reimbursements.

- Recognition - KES received a letter from Secretary of Education, Armando Vilaseca, in recognition for "...its commitment to continuous improvement..." as reflected in the fact that the percentage of all students in the proficient or above category for reading and mathematics is 15 -20 % above the state average on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). KES continues to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AY), as defined by the state. Kudos to teachers, support staff, students, and parents!
- Safe Routes to School – KES reached the SILVER level of Safe Routes to School (SRTS). Thank you to Betsey Bianchi for acting at the SRTS Champion for KES.

Business Issues:

- Enrollment for 2013/14 -- 76; Preschool -- 16
(# of Tuition Students: 36; Pittsfield – 28; Plymouth – 7; Private – 1)
- Tuition Update 2012-13
- Website – Chris Bianchi launched the KESVT.org website this week. It looks great, and we thank Chris for lending us his expertise and time. We ask our students, parents, and the communities to inform us as glitches are discovered so we can work to perfect the site.
- School Lunch Costs – KES currently charges \$1.85 for school lunch. The Agency of Education (AOE) sent a memo last year that lunches should be at or near \$2.51 (for 2011-12). The Board approved raising school lunch to \$1.95.
- School Safety – School safety upgrades were made during the summer 2013. . See attached updates.
- Red Cross Shelter – Sheila Pilsmaker organized the second Red Cross Training that took place at KES on August 26th. Fourteen community members attended the training.
- Capital Improvement - A capital improvement team meeting will take place in the near future to detail the building improvements that need to be made at KES within the next 10 years or so. Tentative meeting date/time: 8:15 am on September 27th.
- Energy Team Meeting – An energy team meeting took place on August 15th with Todd Kowalczyk, GMP; Chet Hagenbarth, Marty Post, Dave Cleaves, and Loren Pepe. Team members will create a capital plan with energy saving measures included and hope to include this in the school's capital improvement plan.

- Building and Grounds – Safety upgrades were made through the summer; Step 1 of a new Fire Panel, Emergency Panic Buttons with buzzer activation, Sign in at Front Desk and Sign saying we require proof of identification for unfamiliar visitors, Lock all doors except front door, E-911 Phones (Lt. Cacciatore was able to call 911 from classrooms). Repair of trim and siding at roof/wall intersection above gym entrance ramp was estimated at \$1,300, but found it to be more involved and was paid \$2,974 in 8/2013. The decay along the bottom edge of siding at the entry of the front of the school was estimated at \$1,800, but then addressed some decay and focused on repair of siding above cafeteria/near roof and paid \$1,708, 8/2013. Leak in guidance/speech office (March 2013), heat tape was installed. Expect a bill for \$750. For Kids' Kingdom and estimate was received in 2013 to spend \$3000 to replace treated surfaces with Trex composite decking, replace handrails and diagonal railing pieces. SWC donation will cover \$2,000 of work to be done. Doug Johnstone was given the okay to do \$2,000 worth of work on Kids' Kingdom 2013. It was completed and paid \$2,275, 7/2013. Gym floor refinished at approximately \$1,500. Dave Cleaves has started a capital improvement plan. A meeting will take place between Butch Findeisen, Steve Finneron and Dave to fine-tune and determine presentation to voters. Emergency Generator for KES Red Cross Shelter – the generator will be positioned at the back corner of the building near the dumpster and the wiring is set. Balance in Maintenance Reserve is \$2,589.41 and earmarked for safety upgrades.

Superintendents Report - discussed and updated, shared information from 8/26/2013 WCSU Board meeting with KES Board members that were unable to attend.

8. Executive Session – none.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Upcoming meetings: KES Board Friday, September 20, 2013@8:15 a.m. @ Killington Elementary School.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.