

Killington Board of School Director's Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2016

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

1. Meeting called to order at 8:22 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda – none
3. Butch made motion to approve the Minute of August 11, 2016 to approve minutes, Laura seconded, approved.
4. Community Engagement/Public Comment - none
5. Action/Discussion Items:
 - KES 2016-18 Action Plan – Mary presented her changes and additions based on suggestions from the last board meeting including SBAC and NECAP scores, teacher's assessment methods for math/writing and tying assessments to the Common Core Standards, and the in-service topics to be covered.

Butch made a motion to approve the KES Action Plan with the addition of the Strategy 2 and PBIS, Laura seconded it, approved.

- Afterschool Plan – Jen and Mary met with the Sherburne librarian to discuss after school ideas. They asked the library to present to the library board a change in their policy that students 12 and under not be allowed at the library without supervision. KES board is waiting to hear back from them.

Jen made a motion to approve Shayna Kalnitsky as the Director of After School Program and to give Mary the authority to hire the support staff, seconded by Laura, approved.

- Act 46 Update – Jen attended an Act 46 Committee meeting last week, they are currently working on the draft of the Article of Agreements. All boards must deem themselves “Advisable” or “Necessary” and based on that there needs to be a decision as to whether the Act 46 goes to a town wide vote otherwise KES Board will need to submit a report to the State of VT.

The KES Board will hold a public information meeting on October 24th at 7:00 pm to present the current ACT 46 plans to the Town of Killington residents. Jen will ask Rayna to warn the meeting.

6. Reports

Principal's Report

Education:

- KES teachers participated in professional development in literacy and math at the district inservice on August 29th. The KES inservice on August 30th focused on analyzing data from the 2015-16 SBAC results and school safety. While KES is once again pleased with the results of the testing, analysis of the data led to appropriate discussions regarding best teaching practices. All crisis plans and policies were reviewed for understanding.
- Program Presentation Night will be on Monday, September 19th. New this year, the event will begin with a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM followed by a message from the principal and KEEPERS at 6:15 PM. Classroom visits facilitated by teachers and students will be from 6:30 PM until 7:00 PM. KES is looking forward to this opportunity for increased family engagement.
- Teachers in grades three through six will continue to strengthen skills in the implementation of the Readers Workshop and writing about reading in Literacy through on site coaching, teacher inservices, and monthly PLC meetings.
- Teachers in grades kindergarten through two have collaborated with district colleagues and math coach, Kathy Ernst, to implement a common primary math assessment aligned with Common Core Standards. This pilot year of assessment is intended to provide more targeted data to inform instruction and positively affect student achievement.
- Recess before lunch has made a positive impact on two main fronts, namely the ease in transitioning back to the classroom after lunch and the focus on eating more nutritional foods without being in a rush to play outside. As an added benefit, students clear the playground to come in for lunch much faster than if they are coming in for class!
- Shayna Kalnitsky, grade 4 teacher, has agreed to take on the role as Afterschool Program Director at KES. Alex Reiss will be the program assistant. Ms. Reiss has experience working with children in camps in both PA and Lake Tahoe. She is energetic and has a passion for enriching student education. Welcome, Alex!
- Thank you to the KEEPERS for hosting an ice cream social on the afternoon before the first day of school. Children were very excited to reconnect with friends and teachers as well as enjoy cool ice cream on a nice, warm day. Thank you!
- KES will participate in the AOE School Quality Review process this fall along with the five other schools from Windsor Central Supervisory Union. Allison Naugle, grade 5 teacher, and the principal will attend a training on September 20th and 21st, as well as school site visits

within WCSU on November 8th and 9th. This process is an important measure to ensure schools meet quality standards required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) S.1177 passed on 12/10/15.

Business:

- **Enrollment:** K-6 - 83; Preschool - 14 (6 Killington Residents; budgeted for 10)
 - Tuition Students - 34

- **Fire Drill** was performed on September 1, 2016.

- **Buildings and Grounds**
 - Rubber mulch was purchased as a base for the Gaga Pit and to fill in thin areas in Kids' Kingdom to stay in compliance with state regulations. Dave will continue to periodically rake mulch back under slides and swings as they wear thin. Mulch will not be spread in the Gaga Pit until a final decision is made on the desired base of the pit. It will be necessary to cover the current base as it sticks to bottoms of shoes and tracks onto floors, creating an abrasion on the gym floor.
 - Work is nearly complete in replacing rotten siding on the base of the gym exterior walls. It is estimated that it will be done within the week.

7. Agenda Setting Items for October Meeting:

- Act 46 Update
- After School Update
- Preliminary Budget Plan

8. Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am