

**Killington Elementary School**

**Board of Director's Meeting**

**Friday, January 17, 2014@8:15 a.m.**

**APPROVED**

Present – Loren Pepe, Principal, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, David Leenders, Financial Director.

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:31 am.
2. A motion was made to amend the agenda to approve a new hire and to warn the Policy for Student Alcohol and Drugs as a 2<sup>nd</sup> warning, second and approved.
3. Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 20, 2013 as may be amended, second and approved.
4. Public Comments/Visitors – None.
5. Correspondence – tabled.
6. Action/Discussion:
  - Discussion of the FY15 Budget. A motion was made to accept the amount of \$1,579,954 for the FY15 budget, second and approved.
  - A motion was made to accept the Student Alcohol and Drugs F7 policy, second and approved.
  - A motion was made to accept a new hire, Mary Sell, to replace Beth Hike, second and approved.
7. Administrative Reports:  
Principal's Report

Educational Issues:

- Pathways to Common Core: Accelerating Achievement - Loren Pepe, Principal, attended an excellent conference by national presenter, Lucy Calkins. Reading and writing skills were addressed throughout this conference as they relate to the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Lucy Calkins emphasized the following: the relationship between the teacher and learner is most important. The teacher needs to BELIEVE in the student to help build student's confidence. FEEDBACK must be given to the student that is crystal clear so they know the expectations set before them. The conference was loaded with great information about the key implications of the CCSS and guidance for developing a literacy plan that aligns reading, writing and content area instruction to the CCSS.

- Trailblazer Update – KES Trailblazers enjoyed their first successful ski and ride day on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We thank all of our volunteer instructors for their dedication to the program, most importantly our volunteer coordinator, Kim Gaines.
- Teacher Supervision and Evaluation - A new approach to supervision and evaluation is underway at Killington Elementary School and throughout Windsor Central Supervisory Union. “Walkthrough” observations occur throughout the school year and feedback is shared immediately with teachers. This is in lieu of the more formal, pre-planned observations done in the past.
- Preschool Information – At a recent meeting, our preschool committee learned that there is good reason to consider supporting The Preschool at Killington as an official public school partner. The committee will meet again in the near future to ask more questions and seek answers about next steps.

#### Business Issues:

- Enrollment for 2013/14 -- 77; Preschool -- 17  
(# of Tuition Students: 38; Pittsfield – 29; Plymouth – 8; Granville – 1)
- Capital Improvement - Peter Yost, representative from Building Green, provided KES with a summary of what he learned about energy and moisture performance at KES and potential approaches we may take to remedy the situation.
- Turkey Trot - Our KEEPERS just received \$3200 from the annual Turkey Trot in Killington, which took place on Thanksgiving morning!
- Safety:  
Evacuation drill – 12/17/13; Lockdown drill – 12/19/13;  
Bus Evac Drill – 10/11/13
- Building and Grounds – Playground surface cushion is recommended to have a 9 inch surface of wood chips. Looking into Trees Inc. Wide slots in the Kingdom are being renovated by Doug Johnstone. He has offered to fill in the gaps as a volunteer service. In the Boiler room the Circulator Pumps needed repair work done on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> after losing our heating capacity in frigid temperatures. Dave replaced two circulator pump motors. He plans to purchase an additional motor to have on hand at the cost of \$750. Discussion of Irving’s Oil service and next steps.

Superintendent’s Report - none.

8. Executive Session – None.
9. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m., second and approved.

Upcoming Meetings – WCSU Board, Monday, February 10, 2014@6 p.m. @WCSU. KES Board, Friday, February 14, 2014@8:15 a.m. @KES.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.