

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, November 15, 2013

APPROVED

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:42 am.
2. Minutes – The minutes from October 25, 2013, as may be amended, were second and approved.
3. Public Comments/Visitors – Earlene Longley. Earlene asked that the Board and Loren Pepe consider a bus aid for the Killington Elementary bus. It is a long bus route and the disruption on the bus could be potentially dangerous. The Board and Loren Pepe are to look into ideas.
4. Correspondence – Discussion of a Memorandum from the Vermont Department of Education regarding Special Education Spending.
5. Finance – The 1st Draft Budget of FY15 was reviewed and discussed.
6. Action/Discussion –
 - Warning Policy: 1st Reading – Student Attendance F25 was tabled for review at the next meeting.
 - Warning Policy: 1st Reading – Animal Dissection G13 was tabled for review at the next meeting.
7. Administrative Reports:
Principal's Report

Educational Issues:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Conferences were well attended, with 100% of parents in attendance.
- Technicool Cyber Safety Program – Children and adults in grades four through six received helpful tips to stay safe and kind online at the recent Technicool Cyber Safety Presentation.
- Math Tutoring - The math tutoring program at KES is going strong. Amy Simonds meets with selected students several times each week and provides them with instruction needed based upon data analysis. This extra time is proving to be very beneficial, giving students the skills and confidence they need to experience greater success in the classroom. Parents praise this program and are grateful for the individualized support offered to their children. This program is paid for through Medicaid Fund reimbursements.

- Guidance Updates – Mary Dolan, KES guidance counselor, is once again working with Castleton State College student to enhance program offerings at KES. Students in grades 2-6 have an opportunity to work with a college student mentor to focus upon strengthening friendship skills. Simultaneously, the Killington Buddies program is in effect. This is the program where teachers and/or parents may request a sixth grade “buddy” to meet with another child in the school to focus upon friendship and/or academic assistance. Ms. Dolan provides training to the sixth graders to prepare them for this role.

Business Issues:

- Enrollment for 2013/14 -- 76; Preschool -- 14
(# of Tuition Students: 37; Pittsfield – 28; Plymouth – 8; Private – 1)
- Capital Improvement - The representative from Building Green will analyze the school building’s needs on Friday, November 22nd. After that time, the Capital Improvement Committee will reconvene to determine next steps.
- Safety: Evacuation drill – 10/23/13; Lockdown drill – 10/30/13;
Bus Evac Drill – 10/11/13
- Building and Grounds – KES Safety Priorities were reviewed.

Superintendent’s Report – accepted.

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Upcoming meetings: WCSU Board, Monday, December 9, 2013@6 pm. @ WCSU. Killington Elementary School Board, Friday, December 20, 2013@8:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.

