

**Killington Elementary School**

**Board of Director's Meeting**

**November 7, 2014 @ 8:15 am**

**APPROVED**

Present – Loren Pepe, Principal, Butch Findeisen, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, Jennifer Iannantuoni, and Richard Seaman, WCSU Financial Director.

1. Meeting was called to Order at 8:30 am.
2. Minutes – The minutes from October 3, 2014 were second and approved, as may be amended.
3. Visitors/Public – James Haff
4. Action/Discussion:
  - Discussion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of the KES Budget with WCSU Financial Director.  
A motion to move into Executive Session, second and approved. Moved into Executive session at 8:50 am. Personnel Matter. Out of Executive Session 9:53 am. No Action Taken.  
Butch Findeisen will review Capital Improvement Plan and present immediate needs for KES at the next Board Meeting.  
Loren Pepe reviewed KES Budget Considerations for FY16 not included in the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Budget for KES.
  - Policy Warning – 1<sup>st</sup> reading is done.
  - Killington Select Board Resolution discussed. KES Board will invite Job Tate State Representative to the next Board Meeting to further discuss school funding issues and to introduce ourselves. Loren to set this up.
5. Correspondence – none.
6. Administrative Reports :  
Principal's Report

**Educational Issues:**

- **Vermont Energy in Education Program (VEEP)** - Killington Elementary School (KES) will embark upon a "Whole School Energy Challenge" for the year to help students learn and grow in the area of energy and science. As energy-literate citizens, students will recognize the nature and role of energy in our universe and in our lives and make more informed energy decisions to help human society, the environment, and our planet. This program is a collaborative effort between the Vermont Energy in Education Program, the Vermont Superintendent's Association School Energy Management Program, and Efficiency Vermont. Throughout the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>, the entire school will focus on an Energy in Education event with help and support from VEEP educator, Laura MacLachlan. Amy Simonds is leading this effort at KES.

- **English Language Learner Teacher** – A couple of students at KES need instruction from an English Language Learner teacher. We are in the process of making sure we meet this need by hiring a certified ELL teacher to work with students for 2.5 hours per week.
- **Special Education Needs** – KES is experiencing an increase in special education needs. As a result, our special educator's time has increased from .85 FTE to .90 FTE. We will monitor student needs closely to determine if the special educator's time needs to move to 1.0 FTE.
- **Trailblazers** – We enjoyed a good turnout for our initial Trailblazers parent meeting and look forward to an exciting ski season. Sheila Pilsmaker, Greg LaBella, and Susan Clarke are leading the way for Trailblazers, with Susan as the new coordinator of all parents.

**Business Issues:**

- **Enrollment: K-6 - 94; Preschool - 10**
- **Donations Received:** Edgemont Owners' Association - \$100; Sally Fridy donation to KEEPERS for Literacy Initiative - \$2000
- **Rec Department Ski Afternoons** – Killington Parks and Rec is planning for additional ski afternoons for children in the area.
- **Capital Improvement** – Please see the attached Capital Improvement Plan draft to review future building needs and costs compiled by the Capital Improvement team. A decision will need to be made as to the next steps in this process.
- **Transportation** – Ridership is high.
- **Safety:** .  
Evacuation drill – 10/31/14 ; Lockdown drill – 10/29/14;  
Bus Evac Drill – 11/04/14
- **Building and Grounds** – Clearing of brush and enhancing the play area with obstacles from Spartan Race, etc... This is grant funded and with volunteer hours. In the Boiler room Motors will be needed to for circulating air – 2 replacements needed immediately, and probably one more and the cost is estimated at \$2,000. Soon KES will need new carpeting and new doors. Finally, New information regarding the Fire Panel at \$15,900. Letter of reference was provided.

Superintendent's Report – none.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Upcoming meetings: WCSU Board Meeting – November 10, 2014 @ 6 pm, WCSU Conference Room. KES Board Meeting - December 5, 2014 @8:15 am @ Killington Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.