

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, December 20, 2013@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 8:23 am.
2. Motion to accept the agenda, second and approved.
3. Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes from November 15, 2013 as may be amended, second and approved.
4. Public/Visitors – none.
5. Correspondence – A letter from the Woodstock Nursery School was tabled until the next meeting. Safe Routes to School pamphlet was tabled.
6. Finance – Budget FY15 for Killington Elementary School 2nd Draft was presented by David Leenders and reviewed. A motion was made to increase student tuition from \$11,830 to \$12,066, second and approved.
7. Action/Discussion-
 - Warning Policy: 2nd Reading – Student Attendance F25. A motion was made to accept Student Attendance F25 policy, and second to amend to include former policy of Killington Elementary School including truancy and procedures, second and approved.
 - Warning Policy: 2nd Reading – Animal Dissection G13. A motion was made to accept Animal Dissection G13 policy, second and approved.
 - Warning Policy: 1st Reading – Student Alcohol and Drugs F7 – tabled.
 - Personnel Retirement: Beth Hike's retirement, accept with regret.
8. Administrative Reports-
Principal's Report

Educational Issues:

- KES Faculty Inservice – KES faculty studied the new Common Core State Standards for English and Language Arts at a recent school-wide inservice. Educators analyzed the new standards in writing from one grade to the next and plan to use information gleaned from this professional development to develop teaching and learning rubrics, which will help students become aware of the new written language expectations and support teachers as they determine individual student growth and learning needs.

- Computer Programming for Students – KES Librarian/Ed Media Specialist, Eileen Vaughn, and students in all grades participated in The Hour of the Code Project throughout the week of December 9th. Students enjoyed this immersion into the world of computer programming and displayed great pride in their new skill. As one example, fifth graders programmed a virtual holiday greeting card to ultimately share with friends or family.
- Trailblazer Update – KES Trailblazers had two successful training sessions for parent instructors, organized by KES parent volunteer, Kim Gaines, and run by our P.E. teacher, Greg LaBella. The annual trainings are part of the recommendations set forth by the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust. We expect the first day on skis will be January 9th.
- Third Grade Holiday Store – A wealth of educational opportunities occur in the Third Grade Holiday Store. While third graders hone their mathematics skills in a purposeful, real world way in their role as the merchants, the remaining student body practices shopping wisely, planning their spending, checking on the amount charged and ensuring they receive accurate change.

Business Issues:

- Enrollment for 2013/14 -- 76; Preschool -- 16
(# of Tuition Students: 37; Pittsfield – 28; Plymouth – 8; Granville – 1)
- Capital Improvement - The representative from Building Green analyzed the school building's needs in late November. More information needs to be gathered by the representative before final determinations are made.
- Ottauquechee Grant Awarded - A grant for \$1542.68 was awarded to KES for the creation of "Sensory Toolboxes" to help students keep their bodies and minds in a calm and more relaxed state, especially when they are feeling anxious, over-stimulated, or "on overload." Sensory tools, such as "wobble cushions," ball chairs, pencil grips, weighted blankets, and fidget tools often can help a child as he works to calm his body and mind to ensure optimum learning.
- Safety: Playground maintenance discussed for summer 2014.
Evacuation drill – 12/17/13; Lockdown drill – 12/19/13;
Bus Evac Drill – 10/11/13
- Building and Grounds - no changes.

Superintendent's Report – accepted.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Upcoming meetings: WCSU Board meeting, Monday, January 6, 2014 @ 6 pm @ WCSU, (changed to Monday, January 13, 2014). Killington Elementary School Board of Director's, Friday, January 17, 2014 @ 8:15 am. @ KES.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.