

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, December 05, 2014@8:15 am.

APPROVED

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:20 am.
2. Public Comment/Visitors – Job Tate, State Representative.
3. A motion was made to allow Job Tate to present himself, and to discuss KES and to give him information about the school and the area, second and approved.
4. Action/Discussion-
 - Budget – 2nd Draft Review – Loren Pepe to follow up with Richard Seaman on a few details.
 - Policy Adoption – Volunteers and Work Study Students Policy D7, second and approved.
 - Killington Select Board Resolution – tabled.
5. Executive Session – In at 10:05 am. 2 Student Matters. Out at 10:07. A motion was made to bill out for tuition for 2 students.
6. Minutes – Motion to accept the minutes from November 7, 2014, second and approved.

7. Principal's Report

Educational Issues:

- **Vermont Energy in Education Program (VEEP) Update** - Killington Elementary School (KES) "Energy in Education Week" proved to be a valuable program for all students. Throughout the week, students learned how to make energy, analyzed energy, and consumed various forms of energy to determine effectiveness and efficiencies. Once again, we thank Vermont Energy in Education Program leader, Laura MacLachlan, for bringing this program to us and our sixth grade teacher, Amy Simonds, for coordinating efforts.
- **New Hire as English Language Learner Teacher** – Marcella Green, a Killington resident, comes to us with a certification as an ELL teacher and prior experience in the college setting working with ELL students.
- **Special Education Needs** – 1) KES special education needs increased more in the last couple of weeks. As a result, our special educator's time has increased from .90 FTE to 1.0 FTE, effective this week. 2) In addition, we are in the process of hiring a special

education 1:1 aide for a preschooler. 4) 1:1 para educator need for at least 2 hours per day

- **Trailblazers** – Coach LaBella had a Trailblazer coaches’ on-hill training yesterday and another one is set for Thursday, December 11th at 1 pm. The coaches’ training is a mandatory training to ensure that all of our volunteer coaches are schooled in safety on the hill.
- **KES Action Plan Review** – The quarterly review by teachers for the KES Action Plan 2014-16 indicates that we are moving along nicely. Across the supervisory union, we are now using the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System instead of the DIBELS assessment to determine each student’s progress and needs in reading.
- **Holidays for KES Families** – Through staff, volunteer, and community efforts, our families in need will receive food and gifts throughout the holiday season. Once again, Beverly Anderson has helped to coordinate efforts between her congregation and others to ensure our families receive baskets of food this holiday season. Through RSVP Operation Dolls and More and Killington Mountain School students, our families will also receive gifts for children. We especially thank Susan Clarke and Laura McKenna for acting as liaisons between KES and these organizations.
- **Holiday Events:**
 - Festival of Trees - KES performs at the Festival of Trees tonight at 5 pm under the direction of our music teacher, Christine Morton. Our tree’s decorations were handmade by students under the tutelage of art teacher, Lisa Kaija, and the tree was donated to us by Mosher Excavating, Inc.
 - Holiday Concert – Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm

Business Issues:

- **Enrollment: K-6 - 97;**
- **Preschool - 09**
- **Donations Received:** \$1,000 from the Covered Bridges Half Marathon to be used to help children enjoy and access physical and recreational activities.
- **Calendar Review Fall 2014** - Parents have expressed concern that the week of November 10th created stress on families: 2 half days of school with parent conferences in the afternoons, Thanksgiving Lunch, Choral Workshop at WUHS, and Spartan Race weekend in Boston.

- **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 continues to be high.
 - **Safety:**
 - Evacuation drill – 12/02/14 ; Lockdown drill – 10/29/14;
Bus Evac Drill – 11/04/14
 - **Building and Grounds** – Asbestos Management Plan was renewed in September 2015. Carpeting estimates for new carpeting at \$48,000 and \$38,000.
8. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn at 10:35 am., second and approved.

Upcoming Meetings: WCSU Board Meeting – December 8, 2014@6 pm, WCSU Conference Room, KES Board Meeting (change) to January 23, 2015@8:15 am., Killington Elementary School.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.