

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2014@8:15 a.m.

APPROVED

Present – Loren Pepe, Principal, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, and Alice Worth, Superintendent.

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m.
2. Reorganization of the Board – Jennifer Iannantuoni, Board Chairperson, Butch Findeisen, Vice Chairperson, and Kristin Schiessl-Alf, Clerk.
3. Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes for February 14, 2014 was second and approved.
4. Public Comments/Visitors – Betsey Bianchi and Jim Haff.
5. A motion was made to amend the Agenda to have Betsy Bianchi speak about Safe Routes to School. Next KES Safe Routes to School walk is May 7, 2014. Discussion about 2014 School Zone Safety Initiative, making sure that the Town of Killington and Killington Elementary School are in agreement with the responsibilities that accompany Safe Routes to School. Jennifer to write and e-mail to the Town of Killington Manager and Select Board to clarify the responsibilities.
6. Action/Discussion – Warning Policy – A motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Board Member Conflict of Interest – B3 was second and approved.
7. Correspondence – The Board approved a 5 day leave.
The Board approved a 10 day leave.
8. Administrative Reports:
Principal's Report

Educational Issues:

- **WCSU In service** – On March 3rd, teachers throughout the supervisory union joined together in grade level clusters to work on finishing social studies curriculum units. The units were started during the last two summer curriculum institutes initiated and facilitated by Superintendent Alice Worth.
- **Next Generation Science Standards** – A group of WCSU educators meet regularly for discussion and planning of the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards. To date, Allison Naugle and Maria Garland represent KES on this team. Meanwhile, Lisa Laird continues her work as a Science Network Leader for the State of Vermont. Each individual shares new information regularly with the KES faculty.
- **Trailblazer Update** – The KES Trailblazer Program's last day was March 6th, one week early due to the snowstorm and school closing on March 13th. The heartwarming stories of children learning to ski, friendship, and adventure continued throughout the season. We extend a huge

thank you to PE teacher, Greg LaBella and to parent volunteer, Kim Gaines, for organizing Trailblazers again this year and to all of our parents and grandparents for ensuring that all children were fully outfitted with ski gear and for filling the roles of coaches, inside chaperones, and equipment transporters. We also thank Mike Solimano and Killington and Pico Ski Resort for making the use of their trails affordable. This program would not be possible without the efforts and generosity of many!

- **WCSU Band Showcase** – Many KES Band students participated in the WCSU Band Showcase on March 11th. This inspirational event is a favorite among our band students. We appreciate the collaboration this event took among music teachers in our supervisory union, especially our own music teacher, Christine Morton, and the band director at WUHS, Jody Henderson.
- **Rutland Magazine** – Check out the Spring edition of the Rutland Magazine, featuring KES students and the maple sugaring process, by Karen Lorentz.
- **Vermont Better Teacher Recognition** – Amy Simonds, sixth grade teacher at KES, received recognition as a “Vermont Better Teacher.” Congratulations to Amy Simonds!

Business Issues:

- **Enrollment for 2013/14** -- 78; Preschool -- 18
(# of Tuition Students: 38; Pittsfield – 29; Plymouth – 8; Granville – 1)
- **Safe Routes to School Pilot** – KES is selected to be one of ten schools to participate in a pilot program offered by VTRANS to upgrade the school zone. The project will be 100% federally funded. A school official must sign the agreement form if we would like to proceed.
- **Title I Funds** – The KES Board will review Title I funding expectations for 2014-15 and make determinations to cover Title I revenue shortfall. During the meeting of 3/21/2014 there was discussion about the shortfall and the solution was 1) to deduct \$1,000 from Early Readers, 2) eliminate \$1,000 medication disbursement, and 3) to apply \$4,900 from Medicaid Intervention Programs.
- **Nature’s Classroom Needs 2014-15** - There is a need to ensure that a nurse and a para educator attend Nature’s Classroom with our students this year.
- **Capital Improvement** - The Capital Improvement Committee will meet again in the near future to determine the best option for a capital improvement spending plan.

- **Safety:**
Evacuation drill – 03/19/14; Lockdown drill – 02/11/14;
Bus Evac Drill – 10/11/13
 - **Building and Grounds** – no changes.
9. Superintendent's Report – none.

 10. Discussion of potential inclusion of the Town and School District of Pittsfield in Windsor Central Supervisory Union.

 11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming meetings: WCSU Board Monday, April 7, 2014 6:00 PM@WCSU. Killington Elementary School Board Friday, April 11, 2014 8:15 AM @KES.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.