

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, May 16, 2014 @ 8:15 am

UNAPPROVED

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:34 am.
2. Minutes – The minutes from April 11, 2014, with a change on the last day of school begin 3 pm and not 2:50 pm, as may be amended were second and approved.
3. Public comments and visitors – Mary Sell.
4. A motion to go out of order in the Agenda to have Mary Sell discuss and present the Spartan Obstacle Course to be considered around the Playground.
5. Action/Discussion
 - Warning Policy: 2nd Reading – Professional Development Policy D2, second and approved.
 - Presentation of Draft Action Plan – tabled.
 - Sign VEHI Health and Benefits – acceptance of VEHI 2014 contract. Discussion of dental benefits with David Leenders to investigate Dental Insurance and cost effective structure. Kristin to help in this process.
 - Approval from KES Board for a new hire for our para educator position. A motion was made to approve Dale Pfeifenberger for a 6 hour position that was left vacant from a retirement position, second and approved.
 - 2014 to 2015 KES Calendar approval. A motion was made to approve the calendar, second and approved.
6. Correspondence – Letters of appreciation from KES alumni students.
7. Administrative Reports
 - Principal's Report –
Educational Issues:
 - **KES Teachers' Retreat** – Teachers collaborated and learned throughout the day on Wednesday, May 7th. Thanks to support by our parent volunteers, teachers were able to spend the day focusing largely upon science and literacy.
 - **Engineering Students Meet with KES Teachers** - Woodstock Union High School teacher, Tim Brennan, and several students in his "Innovation, Design, and Engineering in Action" class met with KES teachers last Wednesday. Students talked about how engineering has helped shape

their education and shared that anyone can be innovative with the right attitudes and the willingness to develop key skills. Teachers felt inspired by this discussion and eager to bring more engineering components into lessons at the elementary school level.

- **Grants Awarded** - The Woodstock Endowment Association and the Sherburne Women's Club recently accepted a proposal for funding submitted by Amy Simonds for Lego Mindstorm EV3 kits. This cutting edge technology will give KES students an opportunity to work together to solve realistic engineering problems using the most up-to-date Lego Mindstorms EV3. The Next Generation Science Standards require students to engage in engineering design practices to solve problems. Use of these kits will inspire students to use engineering, robotics, and technology as they solve real-world problems while meeting the new science standards. KES is greatly appreciative of the \$1400 grant award received from the Woodstock Endowment Association and the \$500 grant award from the Sherburne Women's Club.
- **Setting Up for Success Conference** - A recent three day conference, attended by Loren Pepe, KES Principal, and Alice Worth, WCSU Superintendent, and others in our supervisory union, focused upon the systems and structures schools and teachers can use to improve teaching and learning in English/Language Arts. The series helped us to consider essential elements that can help set teachers up for success, help all students meet the challenging Common Core State Standards, and prevent reading difficulties from escalating.

Business Issues:

- **Enrollment for 2013/14** -- 79; Preschool -- 18
(# of Tuition Students: 39; Pittsfield – 30; Plymouth – 8; Granville – 1)
- **Playground Update** –
 - Vermont Principals' Association grant of \$1,000 and playground enhancement obstacles Spartan Race obstacles.
 - Cushion on play area – to be ordered for summer 2014
- **Spring Fling Breakfast** – The Spring Fling Breakfast was successful, raising over \$400 for the KEEPERS to support and enhance learning opportunities for our students. Much appreciation goes to several individuals in our community for supporting this event through their contributions, and also The KEEPERS, our parent group at KES.
- **Capital Improvement** - The Capital Improvement Committee met again to determine the best option for a capital improvement spending plan.
- **Safety:** Evacuation drill – 04/25/14; Lockdown drill – 04/09/14; Bus Evac Drill – 05/08/14

- **Building and Grounds** –Playground – surface cushion of wood chips is recommended for a 9 inch surface. Approximate cost is \$2,000. Clearing Brush, enhancing play area with obstacles from Spartan Race, etc. Grant funded or volunteer hours. Refinish gym floor in summer 2014 with a cost of \$1,500 is to wait for now. Locks for Interior Doors – two new locks to be installed using new donated funds during the Spring and Summer of 2014. Dave Cleaves requests a new dehumidifier and gutters.

Superintendent's Report – none.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Upcoming meetings: WCSU Board Monday, June 9, 2014 6 pm @ WCSU

KES Board Friday, June 13, 2014 8:15 am @ KES

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Schiessl-Alf, clerk.

