

Killington Board of School Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2016
Killington Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jen Iannantuoni, Laura McKenna, Butch Findeisen, Mary Guggenberger – Principal, Richard Seaman – WCSU Business Director, Sarah Rasmussen – Recording Secretary

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:20 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda - no additions to the agenda
3. Laura made a motion to approve the 11/28 and 11/10 meeting minutes Butch seconded, approved.
4. Community Engagement/Public Comment - No Public Comment
5. Action/Discussion Items:

Act 46 Update – Jen gave a summary of the most recent ACT 46 meetings. Next meeting is December 11th.

FY18 Budget Discussion – Richard presented a first draft of the budget to the board.

9:05 am – went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues

9:35 am - Came out of Executive Session

Board continued with Budget discussions

9:42 am – Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues

9:47 am – Came out of Executive Session

Continued with Budget discussions. Richard will get back to the board with an updated FY18 budget based on discussions as well as any budget overage from FY17.

6. Policy Warning/First Reading: CODE B7 – Tobacco Prohibition
Butch made motion, Laura seconded to distribute and read the code
7. Policy Warning/First Reading: CODE C1 – Education Records
Butch made motion, Laura seconded to distribute and read the code
8. Reports
Principal's Report
Education:

- The KES students performed at the Festival of Trees on Friday, December 2nd at the Killington Grand Hotel. Mrs. Christine Morton, KES music teacher, led the students through five spirited songs to kick off the holiday season. KES is always appreciative and proud to be participating in this community event. Thank you to Mosher Excavating for donating the tree for students to decorate. This year's decoration theme was World Cup Wonder complete with black diamond garland, Popsicle stick skiers, and a race gate representing each country participating in World Cup Ski Racing.
- The tradition of the third grade holiday store will once again be in full swing on December 20th and 21st. Many items have been donated to stock the shelves in order for KES students to buy and sell goods in this "real-world" math lesson. Any money generated from this activity is donated to a local charity chosen by third grade students. Thank you to the community for your donations. A special thank you to the donor of the holiday tree decked out in stuffed animals. These stuffed toys are not only beautifying the school hallway but will also be sold at the holiday store. It is quite interesting to hear the students discuss the market value of each stuffed animal as they pass by the tree each day.
- On the first Monday back from Thanksgiving break, Tao Smith of Killington Mountain School presented students with a personalized poster from reigning World Cup slalom champion, Mikaela Shiffrin. He shared the gratitude World Cup competitors felt for the tremendous turnout of fans at the weekend event at Killington Resort. Be sure to check out the World Cup athletes autographs on the banner hanging in the KES gym
- Two new students will start at KES on January 2nd in kindergarten and grade one. Calls of interest in the school have increased over the past month, especially of families who are considering moving to the area next year. One family was in town to watch the World Cup and is interested in moving here in January.
- KES students work hard to earn and accumulate stars as they demonstrate the positive behavior represented in our PBIS motto: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Upon reaching their latest goal of earning 5000 stars, a "surprise" celebration announcement (last Monday at 2:15) was met with much enthusiasm! Grades k to 6 met up in the gym and played popular board games, including oldies but goodies such as Battle Ship, Chutes and Ladders, and Sorry. It was refreshing to see smiles, hear laughter, and witness joy from students playing games in a respectful, responsible, and safe manner for everyone.
- Mary Dolan, KES Guidance, has successfully written and obtained several grants that will provide KES students and families with positive behavior supports. The first grant is awarded by the Ottauquechee Health Foundation to replenish sensory toolboxes that were purchased two years ago through the same foundation. A second grant awarded by the National Life Foundation will allow Kids on the Block Puppets to present three age appropriate bully prevention and diversity workshops to KES students on January 24th.

A MAC Funding grant will also allow KES to present a film titled *Screenagers* to grades 5 & 6 students and parents. This will take place in March and will be shown to parents prior to students. This project is intended to raise awareness around the different impacts of screen time for children and youth. A definite date for viewing will be announced in January. Thank you to Ms. Dolan for her tireless efforts in nurturing and safe, responsible and respectful school climate at KES!

- On Tuesday, November 29th, the Killington - Pico Rotary Club visited Mrs. Getty's third grade classroom bearing a gift for each student; a brand new Scholastic Children's Dictionary. Students were extremely excited to receive their very own dictionary signed by Rotary members. This is a special day for third grade students as not only are they receiving a special gift, they are also being visited by members of the community who are just as excited to be giving out the dictionaries as the students who are receiving them. The classroom was alive with enthusiasm and energy. Thank you, Rotarians, for this special gift each year. It is truly a special day at KES.
- The Edgemont Owner's Association donated \$100 as a contribution to the Principal's Sunny Day Fund. This is an account that we can access for immediate help for local families in need. Thank you very much for this generous gift.

Business:

- Enrollment: K-6 - 82; Preschool - 14
 - Tuition students - 32
 - Safety: All Egress and lockdown drills have been performed on schedule according to the VPA Guidelines thus far.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am