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Killington Board of School Directors Meeting
June 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jen Iannuotini, Butch Findeisen, Laura McKenna, Mary Guggenberger – Principal

1. Call to Order at 8:28 am
2. Amendments to the Agenda - none
3. Butch made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings: May 12, 2016 and May 27, 2016. Laura seconded, approved.
4. Visitors and Public Comment: No visitors.
5. Action/Discussion Items:
The Killington Women's Club sent KES a check in the amount of \$250.00 for the KES "Sunny Day" fund. The Killington-Pico Rotary club also sent a letter and a check in the amount of \$300.00 for the KES "Sunny Day" fund.

KES Board will meet on July 18th at 8:30 am. Mary will notify Rayna and make sure Richard is able to attend this meeting.

6. Reports:

Principal's Report

Education:

- The third and fourth grade play was a huge success! Thank you to Mrs. Getty and Ms. Murray for their fine skills in producing and directing Go West! What a great way to celebrate the end of a year of learning and exploration. Also, many thanks to the parents and volunteers who helped in planning, organizing, and chaperoning the stage set and scenery. The backdrop and props was the work of many artists!
- The Memorial Day Celebration was conducted on May 27th outside at the flagpole. The students were most reverent throughout the tribute to the fallen soldiers. The KES band contributed to the memorial with America followed by the solemn sound of Taps. Each KES student who experiences this honorary memorial is sure to pay tribute to fallen soldiers.
- The KES Field Day and Picnic at the Recreation Center was a big hit on Monday, June 6th. The weather was perfect for field games, a BBQ, and a dip in the pool. The potluck

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dishes prepared by the KES families were exceptional and abundant! It was wonderful to share a meal and conversation with so many families and faces from the Town of Killington.

- The afternoon of June 1st was a mini field day/work day on the campus of KES. The KEEPERS assisted the students in planting the gardens with seeds and starter plants that will be ready for harvest in the fall. Mrs. Flynn and Ms. Naugle strategically planned the garden to supply the cafeteria with healthy food in the fall. In addition to planting, the fifth grade students gave tours of the Nature Trail donning their new trail signage, which were made in science and art class. Plans are being made to post the four signs, including Fern Gully and Mossy Marsh to name two, over the summer in the least intrusive manner. To top off the afternoon, KMS students hosted a series of games to keep the students focused between planting and touring the Nature Trail. The weather was perfect for wet sponge relay races, water balloon tosses, and popsicles. Thank you to the KEEPERS and KMS for assisting us in this important work and play.
- Step Up Day was as exciting as ever as students visited their classroom and teacher for the next school year. Ms. Kalnitsky moved to fourth grade and charmed the students with her knowledge of Starbase, math strategies, and her overall passion for teaching and learning. Ms. Jodi LeBrun, the new kindergarten teacher, attended Step Up Day, as well. She met most of her new students who were enthralled with her beautiful singing voice and warm, nurturing demeanor. KES kindergarten students will look forward to learning each day with Ms. LeBrun and her passion for students and teaching.
- Grades three and four attended a field trip to the Montshire Museum on Tuesday, June 7th. Mrs. Getty was more than impressed at how the content of the day at the museum aligned with the Four Winds curriculum that they have had exposure to this school year. In particular, the Four Winds unit on bees tied in beautifully to the exhibit of bees at the museum, which prepared students with a prior learning experience to make the field trip much more meaningful. Thank you Four Winds volunteers! Mrs. Getty and her students truly appreciate their unit of study each month!
- The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's woodwind trio, Raising Cane! performed at KES on June 3, 2016. Students were thrilled with the humor that was presented through the oboe, clarinet and bassoon. Thank you to Stewarts Shops for sponsoring this enriching presentation.
- Grade 2 recently completed their field student at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park to receive their Junior Ranger Badge. This program is geared toward students ages 7-12. Students tour the park and learn all about the history of the

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park beginning 200 years ago and how it has changed and stayed the same. Way to go, second grade!

- Several new families interested in moving to the area have visited KES in the recent weeks. We are always willing to give them a tour and answer any questions they may have about the wonderful opportunities KES has to offer students and their families. There will many, many opportunities for new families to visit over the summer, as well.
- All classroom teachers were present for the Act 46 Information Meeting held on June 1st at KES. It was a very informative meeting leaving teachers with a desire to learn more about the impact of a merger on our school. Teachers will continue to be informed as the study further develops.
- Monday, June 13th, marks the last day of school for teachers for FY 2016. The day will be spent with an in-service to begin preparing instruction for FY 2017. This has been an amazing year of teaching and learning for everyone at KES and we intend to make next year even more fun!
- Peter Drescher, VT AOE Technology Integrationist, visited KES on Tuesday, May 31st from 8 AM until 9 AM. It took less than 15 minutes for him to realize that technology integration is a priority at KES. Grades 1, 2, 5, and 6 demonstrated their learning of aligned to CCSS with technology as a strategy to enrich the skills. Follow this link to see a Tweet from AOE Ed Tech: [KES Grade One Tech Integration](#).
- **KEEPERS Events:**
 - Fishing Derby at The Foundry - Saturday, June 18th, 12-3 PM (Rescheduled from June 5th)
 - (Proposed) Big Rig Gig - Ramshead Parking Lot - October 8th, 10 AM - 2 PM (Coincides with Oktoberfest and KSC/KMS Ski Swap.)
- **End of Year Dates:** Graduation and Last Day of School 6/10/16, Last Newsletter 6/10/16.

Business:

- **Enrollment:** K-6 - 92; Preschool - 16;
 - Tuition students - 36
- **Safety:** Lockdown drills and Egress drills are fulfilled according to VPA guidelines.
- **Buildings and Grounds:**

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- Dave Cleaves has obtained a quote to remove and replace the cafeteria exit door. The door requires extreme force to open due to rust and casement settling. \$2,618 Installed with new hinges and closer and existing lock hardware. He will obtain a second quote.
- Dave Cleaves has obtained a quote to remove rotten siding and install new, stained siding on entry way to gym door. Labor and Materials \$4,680. He will obtain a second quote.
- The question of whether to remove the burning bush that is next to the entrance of gym has been discussed. It has grown in size and could hinder snow removal. It is recommended to move it to another area.

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.