

SUTTON SCHOOL BOARD
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Sutton School
Sutton, VT

Present: Celeste Girrell, George Colburn, Stacey Sanderson, Board members; Vicky Schuefler, Superintendent; Tom Petit, Business Manager; Roberta Stradling, Principal; Laurel Holmes, Minutes Clerk; Andree Sanborn, Visitor;

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chairperson Celeste Girrell.
2. Approve minutes of the previous meeting: George made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 4 meeting. Seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.
3. General Public Comments:
 - a. Andree Sanborn, middle school math teacher, was present to explain to the board what her curriculum was for the middle school looked like.
4. Finance:
 - a. L.I. FY 13 contract – Tom presented the contract for the FY13 from Lyndon Institute. Celeste moved to approve the contract from Lyndon Institute for FY13 as written. Seconded by George. All were in favor.
 - b. FY12 fiscal projection: Tom explained the projections for FY12 to the board. It looks like a projected fund balance of \$66,128. Tom felt Sutton was doing well.
 - c. Tom handed out the Food Service overview. Tom explained that the way the figures were falling the program was doing okay. If the board is happy with the results of the program, then he suggested the board stay with what the school has. The board commends the food service staff in the fine work and quality of food.
5. Plan Budget Presentation: The board is planning on doing a power point for the community on Town Meeting Day.
6. Review FY12-13 School Calendar: This will be voted on by the Executive Board.
7. Principal's report:
 - a. **Restructuring**

Our Restructuring plan will be complete by next fall – we will be appropriately staffed for the future. We have completed dividing the school into three teams and on each team we have regular classroom teachers, special educators, para educators and other support personnel as needed. Teachers are learning to manage the EST process within the teams and the Core Team has been established. Our "Core Team", consists of our guidance counselors, our school clinician, nurse, special educators and the principal. The Core Team will be offering expertise, support and oversight to the ESTs for a variety of student support services and pre-screen for Special Ed referrals. Special thanks to Jean Maleski,

our school nurse, for her assistance in organizing the “Core Team”.

With restructuring completed, we are ready to create a more focused Action Plan that is solely focused on student learning.

I have called together a team of CNSU and Sutton staff to assist in formulating a plan to intensify our efforts to improve students achievement in Math, Science and Literacy at Sutton.

b. Student Learning

1. December POA/KOA
2. Longitudinal results POA/KOA

c. Climate/Student Support

d. SWIS Big Five/multi year reports

e. Eighth Grade Parents Group

1. Wish to ask board for permission to use vehicles for transport on Year-end class trip. There are only 8 eighth graders.

f. Facilities

1. Testing for mold was completed during January and spore count was very low.

g. Food service – Review Food Service Balance Sheet

h. Technology

iPad arrived and were set up for us by Wildbranch. We got them out to students within days thanks to Gerry’s work at constructing a cabinet to store them in and setting up the electrical. All middle school teachers are in the process of integrating their use into the classroom, reviewing ed apps and learning how to use iPads productively in the classroom. Brad Edwards, Wildbranch’s Integration Specialist, has begun working in the classrooms with teachers demonstrating use of Smartboards at K-2 and 3-5 team levels and iPads at 6-8 level. Bonnie Richardson has been assisting and working with Brad in this area.

i. Highlights January

January 13th – This month on our Winter Sports program was scheduled to begin. Due to icy weather all activities were cancelled on that day. This program is a parent run and PTCG supported program that includes skiing at Burke Mtn., snowshoeing and cross country skiing with Siskin, swimming at the LSC pool and a variety of inside/outside winter activities for the younger kids, such as sledding, snowshoeing, art, games, etc. back at school. Many, many thanks to Amy McClure for organizing this program, to Laurel

for helping her with the clerical aspects and to Danielle Ball for organizing the pizza fundraiser that financially supports our Winter Sports activity days. Thanks also to the parents who have volunteered their time to chaperone kids at the mountain, at the pool and at Sutton.

January 16th – In-service - Staff scored writing samples collaboratively at LTS for the day.

January 18th – School Budget approved by the board

Jan. 19th - Catamount of the Month: PBIS – Each month staff chooses a student for Catamount of the Month award. There were 8 Catamounts who were awarded certificates at an All School Assembly. They were: Gr. 1 - Brydie Barton, Gr. 2 - Brooke Diebolt, Gr. 3 – Emily Tanner, Jesse Marchbanks, Gr. 5 – Madison Colburn, Gr. 6 – Sabrina Smith, Gr. 8 – Zach Legge. At this assembly three young ladies, Mikayla Farrand, Rileah Ball and Alicia Farrell sang and danced three songs that expressed how a person feels if bullied. One of the songs expressed how people might use positive self-talk to lift themselves up instead of becoming depressed (Firecracker). Another described the bully’s actions in great detail (Mean). Many of the kids knew the words to these songs and sang along. The three songs were: “Mean”, “Fireworks” and “Less than Perfect” The girls have been practicing since November and their performance showed it! They were delightfully entertaining. .Not to be outdone, some of the boys were gathered together by Mr. Ketay, our new guidance counselor and coached in a rhythmic stomping dance set to the music of “We will Rock You.” And that is what they did!

Jan. 27- Feb 3rd NECAP verification began on Friday Jan 27th and will continue through Friday, Feb. 3rd. The Commissioner of Education will publicly report statewide results on Wednesday, February 8th when individual school results will be made public and the following day student reports will be sent home.
After I get these results I will then be able to complete the school report.

j. **Upcoming Events – February/March**

Friday Feb. 3rd - NECAP verification ends

Wednesday, February 8th – NECAP results embargo lifted

Friday, Feb. 10th – Father/Daughter Dance 6:00PM- 9:00PM

Friday, Feb. 24th - Interest Groups

Feb. 20th – Feb. 24th - Winter Carnival Week?

Monday, Feb. 27 – Mar. 5th – Winter Break

Tuesday, Mar. 6th – Town Meeting Day/Annual Titles Report Meeting

8. Future Agenda Items:
 - a. Budget Presentation to the public will be on February 22 in the multipurpose room starting at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Next school board meeting will be March 14 - reorganization

9. Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.