

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MORRISTOWN, VERMONT
November 10, 2009**

Phil Kiely called the regular meeting of the Morristown Board of School Directors to order at 5:05pm with Kathy Demars and Will Spalding present. Tracy Wrend, Superintendent, Valerie Sullivan, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, John Pike, Director of Finance & Operations, Phil Grant, PA Principal, Wendy Baker, PAML Principal, and Ed Oravec, MES Principal, represented the Administration. Guests were Karsten Weiss, Sharron Scott, Naomi Quad, Jason Cantwell, Jill Cantwell, Elizabeth Emerson, Courtney Emerson, Meaghan Emerson, Leah Bronner and Katie Chabot.

It was moved by Phil Kiely and seconded by Kathy Demars to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2009, meeting.

Motion was carried

Teachers Katie Chabot, Karsten Weiss, Leah Bronner and students presented a three-year plan for a greenhouse at PA and PAML.

Principals' Reports:

Ed Oravec, Morristown Elementary School

- The MSD Spelling Team placed second out of ten teams in the regional spelling contest.
- Trick-or-Treat UNICEF has raised \$378.78.
- The last two faculty meetings have focused on science-curriculum, NECAP results and workshop planning.

Wendy Baker, Peoples Academy Middle Level

- The Parent Cyber Tour was very successful. There will be follow up sessions for parents and students regarding internet safety and protocols.
- Two teachers will attend the NELMS, New England Level Middle School Conference.
- The introduction of Parent Portal to middle level parents is being planned.

Phil Grant, Peoples Academy

- Fall assembly, a time to celebrate school wide successes, will take place Friday, November 13, 2009.
- The winter sports meeting is Thursday, November 12, with winter sports practices starting the week of November 16th.
- The Fall Musical, *Honk*, is scheduled to open December 10th.

Tracy, Val and the Principals provided an update on the Action Plan work to date as well as the work currently underway. Board members commented and asked questions.

Tracy affirmed the date and time, December 2, 2009, 7:00pm for the upcoming LSSU Board meeting.

The Student Participation in Commencement Exercises Policy will be warned to be adopted at the December 8, 2009 meeting.

Ed reported that full-day kindergarten has had a positive impact on student's performance. All students demonstrated growth in early literacy and numeracy skills and the students who were performing at the lower readiness levels made significant gains.

Tracy reviewed the budget development timeline and changes that may affect the upcoming budget development process.

Based on a motion by Will Spalding and seconded by Kathy Demars, the board will not meet on Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

The board went into executive session based on a motion by Will Spalding and seconded by Kathy Demars.

Motion was carried

The Board came out of executive session.

Kathy Demars moved and Will Spalding seconded to accept the recommendation of the administration regarding a personnel issue.

Motion was carried

With no further action to come before the Board, at 6:34pm Kathy Demars moved and Will Spalding seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was carried

Respectfully submitted,

Will Spalding
Clerk, pro tem