

Waitsfield Elementary School Board Minutes

Waitsfield Elementary School Library

April 5, 2013 - 7:30 am.

Board Members: Todd White, Eve Frankel, Helen Kellogg

WES staff: Kaiya Korb, Jeremy Hill

Community Members: Rachel Rosenblum, Christine Sullivan, Courtenay Goode

Discussion: The Middlebury interactive language program is under review for the 2013/14 school year. Madame Brennan has requested a leave and the search committee is struggling to find a suitable candidate to fill this one-year post. The Middlebury program can be taught in the absence of an instructor. The group reviewed a sample lesson plan and discussed the child's experience of the program. Rachel Rosenblum noted the importance of having someone present to help with dialog and correction of sounds. If not a trained French language teacher, the teacher present for this program could bring in native French speakers as a supplemental experience. There is a school currently piloting the Middlebury program, but none with extensive experience and results

Harwood will be using this program next year.

Executive Session: The board went in to executive session at 8:20 on a matter of personnel and came out of executive session at 8:32.

Action: Helen Kellogg made a motion to approve the school's use of \$6K for the purchase of the Middlebury college language program license. Todd White seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kellogg

Secretary and Clerk