

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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Susan A. Pratt, Superintendent
Kimberly Schroeter, Director of Instruction

R. Scott Wyman, Business Manager
Karen Etheridge, Director of Student Services

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Medomak Middle School

318 Manktown Rd. * Waldoboro * Maine

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Tod Brown, Gail Hawes, Cynthia Rosen, Errol Silvestri, Mary Genthner
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:	Board Chair Danny Jackson
ADMINISTRATOR/S:	Kimberly Schroeter, Susan A. Pratt, Andrew Cavanaugh

AGENDA TOPICS

I. OPENING/QUORUM

Call to Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Declaration of Quorum
- c. Note Absences – Gail Hawes-excused, Cynthia Rosen-late
- d. Adjustments to the Agenda
- e. Approve minutes of October 15, 2012 - approved

II. ACTION ITEMS

III. REVIEW/DISCUSS

Gifted and Talented Staff Needs

Kim Schroeter presented an outline which identified the number of students currently enrolled in the GT program. The outline also noted the number of teachers working with the GT students. Susan Pratt noted that the State Department of Education dictates that 5% of the total student population should be in the GT program. It was noted that if Social Studies and Science were added to the GT program the 5% target is more easily attainable. Kim and Jennifer Goode the GT Coordinator suggest that a Grant application be submitted to obtain funds to add a second GT teacher. Both Kim and Jennifer asked the Curriculum Committee endorse the concept of adding a second teacher for the GT program, contingent on the Grant Application being approved. Jennifer suggested that on line classes be expanded for the Middle and High School students enrolled in the GT program. The Curriculum Committee voted to endorse the concept of adding a second GT teacher.

Resources Needed for Standard Based Education

Kim presented to the Curriculum Committee members a copy of the Strategic Plan Framework developed by the Maine Department of Education. The entire Board is to receive a copy at the next board meeting. Kim noted that each Board member should study the outline. She noted that the ideas in the Strategic Plan have become law and she indicated there will be more ideas of the plan endorsed by the State Legislature. Kim noted that this outline can be used as guide for prioritizing resources and the monies need to obtain the resources. Andrew Cavanaugh noted that in his opinion the top three needs to move forward with the standard based education model are additional software, intervention with students and professional training.

Kim also suggested that the District join as a paid member of the Maine Cohort for Customized Learning. This membership will allow access to many developed plans by other district members. This economies of scale will allow the teachers and administrators of MSAD 40 to work more efficiently as the district moves forward with the Standard Based model.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All subcommittee meetings of the Board, except executive sessions, will be open to the public. All actions of the subcommittees will be taken openly and the deliberations leading to their action will likewise be conducted openly. The public and district employees are encouraged to attend subcommittee meetings. Subcommittee meetings are open to the public. Public input is welcomed but the Chair may need to limit discussion.
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