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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Medomak Middle School

Waldoboro

Committee members present:	Tod Brown (Chair), Gail Hawes, Ron Dolloff, Danny Jackson
Committee members absent:	Karen Jelenfy, Bonnie Davis Micue (Board Chair, ex-officio)
Others present:	Frank Boynton (Superintendent of Schools), Harold Wilson (MVHS Principal), Ann Hassett (MVHS Director of Instruction), Jarrod Bishop, Celia Jones, Sybil Wentworth

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Administrators Present: Ann Hassett, Harold Wilson, Frank Boynton

Others Present: Jarrod Bishop, Celia Jones, Sybil Wentworth

Absent: Karen Jelenfy (member), Bonnie Davis Micue (Board Chair, ex-officio)

The meeting was begun at 7 p.m.

Elementary teachers Jarrod Bishop, Celia Jones and Sybil Wentworth presented the Elementary Music Curriculum that they have developed. In the presentation it was noted that

- The Curriculum is aligned with National and Maine Standards;
- Textbooks used in the program were purchased in 1986 and 1990;
- Supplemental magazine subscriptions cost approximately \$200 per year for the entire district;
- Each student receives 36 lessons of 40-minute length over the course of the year;
- Each student is evaluated using rubrics stated in the Curriculum; and
- Each student receives instruction on the recorder and other simple instruments.

Ann Hassett presented a report on Federal Titles Grants received by the district. It was noted that there will be a severe loss of funding in the areas receiving grants in two years (“the cliff”). At that time the district will lose funding for many of its reading interventionists, at which time the load will fall on the teachers more heavily. As a result, Titles funding is being used this year and next year to pay staff to instruct teachers in

methods of intervention. Efforts are also being made to make use of computer software programs to gather data and instruct students. Software programs used include NWEA, Lexia, Aleks and Symphony.

Harold Wilson presented a report on activities taking place at MVHS. He reported that the high school administration intends to present the proposed program of studies for next year to the Board of Directors on January 7 and that there will be a scheduling update for this year in the near future. There has been a delay due to the changeover to the new student data system. Harold also reported that the upcoming Workshop Day for staff will include:

- A discussion of the EPIC Syllabus Review; and
- A workshop on Using Student Achievement Data Effectively.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tod Brown

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Curriculum Committee Chair

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