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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Medomak Middle School
Waldoboro

Committee members present:	Tod Brown (Chair), Ron Dolloff, Danny Jackson, Karen Jelenfy, Bonnie Davis Micue (Board Chair, ex-officio)
Committee members absent:	Gail Hawes
Others present:	Frank Boynton (Superintendent of Schools), Ann Hassett (MVHS Director of Instruction), Susan Jackson (Elementary Director of Instruction)

Present: Tod Brown, Ron Dolloff, Danny Jackson, Karen Jelenfy, Bonnie Davis Micue (ex-officio), Susan Jackson, Ann Hassett, Frank Boynton

Absent: Gail Hawes

Agenda

a. Committee Business: Elect Chair and Secretary

Tod Brown elected Chair, Karen Jelenfy chosen as Secretary

b. Report of Initiatives for 2009-10 school year

Susan Jackson developed a protocol and passed out the rough draft. Discussion of wording change to Charge #4. Tod asked Danny to take this to the Policy Committee for discussion. The "Charges" to this Committee should reflect the Policy Handbook. Susan requested that Curriculum Committee discussions are summarized and shared with the full Board. We may ask Susan to present to the Board from time to time. Some articles from these meetings may require full Board support. Members of this Committee need to be clear when the full Board needs to be involved; i.e.: changes or budgeting for initiatives. Discussions within the Committee need to be included when the full budget process is under way.

The purpose of the Committee was re-worded to read *"to research and do preparatory work in order to support or recommend support in the Curriculum Committee's reports to the full Board."* The words *"Board of Directors"* was changed to *"Curriculum Committee"* in all four (4) paragraphs of the protocol draft (see attached).

Vote: The protocol was passed unanimously with the above noted changes.

Susan showed a video that is being used to set the tone for the District's work this year. The focus of the video was to work together and to keep moving forward. It was shown to all teachers and administrators in the District.

Susan passed out a list of initiatives (see attached). Each Committee member was asked to review the list. In the meantime, Susan and Tod will meet, find common themes & threads and choose the initiatives with

which we will begin our discussion next time. Each Committee member was asked to read the initiatives at home and make notes for our next meeting.

We are moving forward using the *Four Critical Questions of Learning* (see attached), wherein learning is stressed over “just teaching.” The Committee will discuss ways to support the different forms of collaborations (Curriculum, Assessment, Intervention and Instruction/Planning) as we go forward.

c. MEA Scores

MEA and AYP scores for our District appeared in the newspaper this week. Susan passed out a summary report comparing State and District rankings. (See attached.) Her question to the Committee was: “What questions arise when we see the scores? What goals can we set?”

We discussed the importance of remembering that the data before us is only one part of the story. Superintendent Boynton pointed out that there are no consistent tests so these numbers cannot be accurately compared. The Committee requested more data in order to correlate with NWEA before setting goals for the Administrative Team.

Passion was identified as a vital component of teaching and learning. How do we measure passion? How do we tap it? How do we focus it?

Susan summed up our discussion as follows:

- More data is needed.
- Why is there an improvement in Reading scores, but not in Math?
- Are these trends statewide?
- What do the Grade 11 SAT scores look like? (Maybe look at PSAT and SAT scores next time?)

d. Titles Update – Ann Hassett (see attached)

There will be a formal audit of the District on April 15, 2010.

Note on Title 1A ARRA: There will be a Parent Involvement Coordinator visiting all five (5) towns.

Note on IID: This is a “virtual high school.”

Note on IID ARRA: This will come from stimulus money.

Note on Title IVA: This will support safe and drug-free schools.

Note on Title VI: There are 13 English language learners this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tod Brown

Tod Brown
Curriculum Committee Chair

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