

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Curriculum Committee Meeting Thursday, January 14, 2021 Virtual or at Central Office 5:00 p.m.

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Committee Members: Sara Andrews, Erik Amundsen, Morgan Hynd, Emily Trask-Eaton, Bob Williams and Melvin Williams

Ex-Officio Members: Danny Jackson/Board Chair, Steve Nolan/Superintendent, Christina Wotton/Assistant Superintendent and Linda Pease/Principal Medomak Valley High School

Minutes

- **Call to Order 5:00 p.m.**
 - A. Declaration of Quorum (yes)
 - B. Note Absences (none)Approve Minutes from December 10, 2020: Erik Amundsen moved to approve the minutes and Melvin Williams seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
- **Action Items**
- **Other Items**
 - A. [The Landing Place](#) – Joseph Hufnagel, the director of The Landing Place will share updates to programming and how they are supporting youth in RSU 40 and around the Mid Coast.

Joseph shared that The Landing Place’s work includes:
 - Community outreach
 - Food
 - Laundry
 - Case management (ages 16-21)
 - Access to housing - shelter solutions
 - Independent living program for 18-21-year old’s with apartments (30% of their income goes to rent, 50% of which is put in a savings account and saved for their transition to different longer-term housing)
 - Serving three school districts

- Working on starting a host home program for youth, available in each of the three school districts
- Partnership with local restaurants
- Art therapy program - could happen virtually or in person
- Mentoring program - “walk & talks”

It was discussed that MSAD 40 needs better transportation to get kids to the Landing Place, but the Landing Place is looking into a mobile unit.

B. [McKinney-Vento Act for homeless students](#) - Christina Wotton will review the act with the committee to better inform them of the rights of children experiencing homelessness.

- This is a federal requirement that requires the district to remove barriers to education for children experiencing homelessness.
- Students must be kept in their school, if appropriate, even if they are staying in another district. Transportation must be provided and the district is responsible for half of the transportation costs.
- The district provides school supplies, clothing and other resources to students.
- Schooner Bay does transport some students for the district.

RSU 40 Homeless Resources - Christina reviewed the recently approved homeless policy.

- [Homeless Policy JLG/JLG – R](#)
- [Homeless Brochure](#)
- [Homeless & Unaccompanied Youth Resource Page](#)

C. +/-Delta Exercise (5 min.)

- Good meeting - learned a lot
- Had an agenda that was doable in the time allotted

• **Adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**

Curriculum Committee Norms:

- Start and end meetings on time
- Follow the agenda
- Maintain positive intentions for each meeting
- Listen respectfully without side conversations and be open to different opinions
- Ensure evidence-based decision-making with students at the forefront of all decisions

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