

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Curriculum Committee Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2020 Virtual or at Central Office 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 5:02 p.m.

- A. Declaration of Quorum
- B. Note Absences - none
- C. Approved Minutes September 10, 2020
Motion: Bob Williams Second: Sara Andrews

II. Action Items

III. Other Items

- A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Invitation
 - i. Current Peers Assisting With Sincerity (PAWS) practices – Chuck Nguyen, MVHS Special Education Social Worker
 - a) Committee members introduced themselves to Mr. Nguyen and Christina Wotton introduced the topic for discussion. Mr. Nguyen shared about the creation of the Diversity Team at MVHS. The group has attended the Civil Rights Forum annually in Augusta. The Gay Straight Alliance also grew out of this group. The Diversity Team is focused on culture, ability, and identity. Mr. Nguyen led a group of PAWS members this summer in a leadership seminar focused on inclusion of people with disabilities, race relations, and the LGBTQ+ community.
 - b) Christina is hoping to elevate student voice on these topics through participation on the DEI Initiative group.

- c) PAWS leaders often meet with elementary students and may try to find a way to continue to do this virtually to discuss DEI issues.
 - d) Christina Wotton recommended the book “Carly’s Voice” to committee members.
 - ii. Resources, parent involvement, parent requests
 - a) Christina Wotton talked about parents she had met with over the summer and resources that have been shared.
 - iii. District Team
 - a) Parent voice
 - b) Student voice
 - a. Christina Wotton will be sending out an invitation for parents and students to have a voice at the table around the topics of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)
 - iv. Question and Answer
- B. Professional Development Opportunities for staff
 - i. Christina Wotton shared about the virtual PD opportunities available to all staff through Eduplanet. There was a lot of participation during the spring and summer. Participation has fallen off now that school is in session and staffs are focused on the students.
- C. Title Funds Update - Goals
 - i. Remote Learning Coordinators/Teachers
 - a) There is a lot of flexibility in title funds, and it is based on what the District Needs and the free & reduced lunch numbers. Goals are set in the application and plans to address those goals are outlined. The biggest need this year was remote learning. Title funds allowed the District to add two Remote Learning Coordinators/Teachers.
 - b) The focus tries to be on what the district needs the most, not just what we have done in the past.
 - c) Christina reviewed how funds are being used this year.
- D. Policy review
 - i. Policy JLG - Education of Homeless Youth
 - ii. JLG-R – Homeless Children and Youth Administrative Procedure
 - a) Reviewed and voted to forward to the Policy Committee. Bob Williams moved the motion and Sara Andrews seconded. The Committee passed the motion unanimously.
- E. +/-Delta Exercise
 - i. Best committee
 - ii. Very informative, great to hear from Chuck
 - iii. So many staff and faculty that we don’t know, so it’s great to hear from them in these meetings
 - iv. My favorite committee

IV. Adjourned at 6:15 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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