

# REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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## Curriculum Committee Meeting Thursday, November 14, 2019 Medomak Middle School 5:00 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Sara Andrews, Guy Bourrie, Morgan Hynd, Errol Silvestri, 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 5:01 p.m.

- A. Declaration of Quorum
- B. Note Absences: none
- C. Approve Minutes from October 10, 2019 (Guy Bourrie made the motion to approve, Melvin Williams seconded, six members voted to approve, Danny Jackson and Emily Trask-Eaton abstained)

#### II. Action Items

- A. Christina Wotton led the group in a short mindfulness exercise. Committee discussed and agreed to have a mindfulness exercise as a standing item on the agenda to improve the Committee's understanding of the work of the Project AWARE grant.

#### III. Other Items

- A. *The Power of Team Norms* Article- The Committee reviewed the article and discussed key insights from the article. The Committee discussed bringing this to the full Board as a workshop activity. The Committee will implement the +/-delta exercise for the end of each meeting to determine what is working well and what is not working well during the meetings.
- B. Norms for our team - Christina Wotton led the group in a group norms exercise and identified the following norms for the Committee, which will appear on all future Curriculum Committee meeting agendas:
  - a) Start and end meetings on time.
  - b) Follow the agenda.
  - c) Maintain positive intentions for each meeting.

- d) Listen respectfully without side conversations and be open to different opinions.
- e) Ensure evidence-based decision-making with students at the forefront of all decisions.
- C. RSU 40 Current Curriculum offerings - The Committee reviewed the curriculum offerings for elementary and middle school courses of study. The high school courses of study will be reviewed at the December meeting.
- D. The law - The Committee discussed the funding, space, and certification issues that pose challenges to fully implementing the state mandated general curriculum requirements, particularly with respect to world languages and health education. The Superintendent will discuss funding equity issues that impede the full implementation of the curriculum requirements in his next Superintendents meeting with the Department of Education.
- E. Looking ahead- The Committee reviewed the planned items for the December meeting.
- F. Policy review- The Curriculum Committee reviewed Policy IHBA and recommended minor revisions to the Policy Committee.

#### **IV. Adjourned at 6:11 p.m.**

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