

## **REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40**

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### **Curriculum Committee Meeting Thursday, September 10, 2020 Virtual or at Central Office 5:00 p.m.**

**Committee Members:** Erik Amundsen, Sara Andrews, Morgan Hynd, Emily Trask-Eaton, Bob 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 5:00 p.m.**

- A. Declaration of Quorum
- B. Committee Chair/Vice Chair
  - 1. Morgan Hynd nominated as Chair by Bob Williams.  
Passed 4-0-1, with Hynd abstaining
  - 2. Sara Andrews nominated as Vice Chair by Morgan Hynd.  
Passed 4-0-1, with Andrews abstaining
- C. Note Absences - none
- D. Approve Minutes from June 4, 2020  
Motion: Danny Jackson Second: Melvin Williams

##### **II. Action Items**

##### **III. Other Items**

- A. Review Committee Norms - Committee norms were reviewed and re-affirmed.
- B. Special Education Update - Karen Brackett provided an update on the Special Education program as school prepared to open. They have multiple positions still to fill and are working with contractors to fill some open positions using a remote model. This is not unique to MSAD 40, all mid-coast schools have the same staffing challenges at this time. Other challenges include figuring out remote learning and how to manage student flow in the Resource Room.

- C. Plan for school year - Christina Wotton reviewed the planned meeting topics for the Curriculum Committee for the year ahead. The list was adapted based on feedback from the Committee and made available via Google Docs. The Committee would like more opportunity to hear from students, staff, and parent leaders in the year ahead.
- D. District Mental Health Coordinator Update - Angela Arteaga has transitioned to this new position from her Coordinator role on the AWARE grant. The AWARE grant is ending and Arteaga's new position will be funded through Title V funding.
- E. Gifted and Talented Programming Update - Christina Wotton shared an update on the Remote Learning program developed by the GT instructors. There are currently 100 students enrolled and the instructors are willing to take on more students. They have developed an innovative online platform for students and parents that allow students to enroll in classes, much as they would in college. They are launching a regular "G-Tea" gathering with families to create space for questions and sharing. There is also a Mid-Coast GT group forming that will bring all the Mid-Coast GT instructors together to share and learn.
- F. Remote Learning Update - Christina Wotton shared a detailed update of the development of the Remote Learning Program. Remote Learning Coordinators have been hired or are in the process of being hired, with some staff shifting from previous roles to fill the new RLC roles. For elementary students, MOOSE Modules will be available online for alternating days, when not in class.
- G. Policies we should look at as a team - The Curriculum Committee will review three policies throughout the 2020/2021 school year including: IHBA, IJJ, and JLG.
- H. +/-Delta Exercise: Morgan Hynd led the Committee in this exercise.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Great conversation</li> <li>● Positive and respectful</li> <li>● Great things happening, lots of innovation</li> <li>● Staff smiling and enthusiastic</li> <li>● Staff fees supported, trusted and believed</li> <li>● Good positive energy</li> <li>● Structured, organized, yet flexible</li> <li>● Achieving our goal of being best school system in the state</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sometimes have to rust to fit everything in</li> <li>● Encourage participation in online meetings from parents</li> </ul>

**IV. Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.**