

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40**  
**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40**

Friendship \* Waldoboro \* Warren \* Washington \* Union

Susan A. Pratt, Superintendent  
Kimberly Schroeter., Director of Instruction

Karla Miller, Business Manager  
Karen Etheridge, Director of Student Services

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday February 13, 2013

7:00 p.m.

**Medomak Middle School**

318 Manktown Rd. \* Waldoboro \* Maine

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b>	Tod Brown, Gail Hawes, Ann Donaldson, Errol Silvestri, Mary Genthner
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:</b>	Board Chair Danny Jackson
<b>ADMINISTRATOR/S:</b>	Kimberly Schroeter, Susan A. Pratt, Andrew Cavanaugh
Other Attendees	Bob England, Ben Vail, Ann Kirkpatrick, Christina Wotton, Kathryn Flanagan, Heidi McKechnie, Shelia Mullin

**Call to Order**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Declaration of Quorum
- c. Note Absences-Gail Hawes (E)
- d. Adjustments to the Agenda-Review multi-age at Friendship to be first.
- e. Approve minutes of January 9, 2013

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

Motion to recommend to full board the adoption of the Standard Based Education Model with a goal of issuing Proficiency Based Diplomas at the High School by 2017. In addition to recommend to the Board that the RSU40 join the Maine Cohort for Customized Learning. The cost of the membership to be approximately \$8,000. Motion to Approve Ann Donaldson Seconded Errol Silvestri

Motion to reconsider previous motion.

Motion to Approve Errol Silvestri Second Ann Donaldson Vote Unanimous Motion made to recommend to the full Board the Adoption the StandardBased Learning Model with a goal of issuing a Proficiency Based Diplomas at the High School by 2017.

Motion made to recommend to full board to join MCCL. Motion: Ann Donaldson Second: Tod Brown Vote: Unanimous

**II. REVIEW/DISCUSS**

a. Ann Kirkpatrick, principal of Friendship School, opened the discussion of the review of the multi-age program. Ann then introduced Christina Wotton, the assistant principal at Friendship School. Christina described the challenges and success thus far. Christina also mentioned a parent survey that was conducted at the Friendship School. She mentioned some of the parent comments. A full report of the survey will be shared with the Curriculum Committee when the results are tallied.

The three teachers involved in the multi-age teaching, Kathryn Flanagan, Sheila Mullin and Heidi McKechnie presented their views of the program. They referenced a written review which was prepared for the presentation. In addition they referenced a book titled Yardsticks which discusses the developmental stages in mixed-age and mixed grade settings. The thrust of the discussion was around the Kindergarten children. For this school year it appears that not all the learning disciplines were deemed appropriate in a group setting for the children in the kindergarten class. It was acknowledged that the size of the building at Friendship presents its own challenges to implement block scheduling. Susan Pratt joined the discussion on how to proceed for the remaining academic year and to consider the recommendation made for the next academic year.

b. Kim Schroeter discussed the value of being a full member of the MCCL (Maine Cohort for Customized Learning). The members are from other districts in Maine. The focus of the group is developing teaching models for the new standard based teaching method to include how to attain the goal of delivering a Proficiency Based Diploma at the high school by 2017. Kim mentioned having the members of this cohort as a resource in developing the standard based model opens up the discussion to more and sometimes better ideas. Kim feels that the ability taps into the current thinking, outlines and plans of the associates of the other districts will result in greater efficiency. (Not having to reinvent the wheel). Kim asked the Curriculum Committee take action on her recommendation to the full Board.

c. Kim next discussed the literacy plan and district needs. She highlighted some of her concerns in an outline she shared with the committee. She suggested the committee take action on recommending to the full board the adoption of the standard based model. Kim also noted the training and professional development that is on-going and that will be needed in the future in order to move the new model forward in all the schools in the district. She has currently offered a 15 hour training program that is available to the teaching staff at no cost to the staff. Kim referenced a hand out that speaks to the Common Core Tech requirements.

Kim noted that the Maine Principals Association is holding a Leadership Retreat in June and suggested that in addition to administrative staff attending that a few board members should attend.

Other

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

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