

Draft Minutes Curriculum Committee Meeting December 11, 2013 7:00PM
Medomak Middle School 318 Manktown Road, Waldoboro, ME

Committee Members: Tod Brown, Erik Amundson, Brooke Simmons, Errol Silvestri, Bob Williams, Valerie Young, Jessica Berry, Edith Berger, Madelon Kelly, Beth Pope, Amanda Shortall, Sarah Gladu

Ex-Officio Members: Board Chair Danny Jackson

Administrators/s: Kimberly Schroeter, Michael Cormier, Andrew Cavanaugh, Robert England

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Review/Discuss

- I. Kim Schroeter reviewed the bubble chart handout which outlined The Parameters of Essential Instruction and Graduation Requirements for the Proficiency Based Diploma. The four areas of discussion were Initiatives, Learning Targets, Assessment Method and Teacher Support. Kim also noted, that State law requires school districts adopt the Standard Based Diploma.

Kim discussed the NWEA and Fountas & Pinnell tests that will be used to measure student achievement. Educate Software System will be used to collect student data. Kim noted that Instructional Rounds and Coaching will be part of the teacher evaluation process.

II. Kim discussed the importance of intervention with students targeted with deficiency in specified subject matter. All the panel members which included Teachers, Administrators and Board Members agreed that early intervention coupled with a pre-school program would have the biggest impact on student's academic achievement. Teachers noted that there is a need for additional resources to achieve the targeted academic results. Those resources that are needed, include adding to each school's library, books that are written to meet student reading levels. These Text Books should also have the appropriate content and complexity for the student to be able complete the course requirements. The 2014-2015 budget requests will include these resources.

III. Kim noted that Standards for Science courses have not been developed for the Proficiency Based Diploma. Kim suggested that the District move forward and start to develop Science courses in anticipation of the Standard Based Science Model. Kim distributed a sample Science Curriculum for various grades. The discussion included a need for a standard Science curriculum for the district schools. In addition, the teachers noted that there is a need for additional resources in order to achieve a District wide Science Model. It was noted that a request for resources will be reflected in the 2013-2014 budget requests.

IV. Kim discussed the current policy on Graduation requirements. Kim distributed a draft of Graduation requirements that was developed by Maine School Management. Kim asked the members to review the MSMA draft and comment whether any of the policies would be relevant for inclusion in the current MSAD 40 policy on Graduation.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00PM