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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Central Administrative Offices

1070 Heald Highway * Union * Maine

Committee members present:	Tod Brown, Ron Dolloff, Danny Jackson, Sherrie Clark and Francis Cross
Ex-Officio member present:	Board Chair Bonnie Davis
Administrator/s present:	Susan Jackson, Frank Boynton, Andrew Cavanaugh, Harold Wilson

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tod Brown called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.**

II. QUORUM PRESENT

Yes

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

IV. Review/Discuss

Keyboarding Curriculum- Susan Jackson stated that more work would be done with some updates made to the keyboarding curriculum before bringing it to the board for a vote. Discussion to take place about implementation plans, how often the class would be offered, preparing classroom teachers to know what mastery level is regarding words per minute and what keys the children should know at what ages. This might also include an outline for computers such as: proper use, what can be downloaded and strict web access.

Professional Learning Communities to respond to student needs MVHS. - Susan Jackson stated that the strategy would be to focus on freshman to set them up for success. The history of the academy was focused on small groups that would build strong relations with students and families. The academy was made up of 10 teachers split in two groups. The structure has now shifted due to the request from the board to increase class size. They are now unable to maintain that and are staffed with 5 teachers for 70 students. They have core teams with good parent/student contact and structured/directed study halls. Harold has always wanted student achievement and is very involved. He will make changes to the structure and intervention as needed to develop these professional learning communities.

MVHS response to AYP data-Andrew Cavanaugh reported on the state standards that we are not meeting. Reading- our goal is that 64% of the students would meet or exceed the standard. Our student results were only 42%. Math-our goal was 43% and only 39% of students meet or exceeded the standard. Andrew stated that we need to help students to get out of the partially meets and into the meets. To do better on the SAT scores we can incorporate it into the curriculum. We can survey students to find out what students want the SAT preparation. He said that teachers are willing to incorporate some of the SAT style questions in the classrooms such as vocabulary words and meanings.

V. ACTION ITEMS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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