

RSU 63 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Holbrook Middle School Conference Room

5:30 pm

In Attendance:

Board Members- Cherie Faulkner, Linda Graban (Former Committee Chair), Heather Grass, Amy Hart (New Committee Chair)

Staff Members- Tina Dumond (Director of Curriculum and Instruction), Ashley Perry (Gr. 1 Teacher)

Parent- Sarah Lane

1. Called to Order at 5:30
2. Elected new Committee Chair- Cherie Faulkner nominated Amy Hart, Heather Grass seconded, unanimously approved
3. Update on the Curriculum Development Process-Tina Dumond
 - a. Role of committees-
 - Curriculum Committee is an ad hoc committee of the school board. Meetings are informational and members represent the community
 - The Curriculum Team represents the staff and makes the decisions about how staff can work towards enhancing the work done with students, parents, staff and community
 - b. New Reading and Math programs-
 - Staff received PD on June 17th for the new HMH Into Reading/Literature program
 - There is online PD available for the reading program and in the process of setting up in person coaching from the program representatives
 - Staff received PD on August 26th for the new iReady Math program
 - They will have a follow up PD on November 15
 - c. RSU #63 Curriculum Plan
 - The plan is on the District website under Curriculum
 - This year the goal is to analyze Social Studies and Science during grade level/team meetings
 - Will take another vertical look at the end of the year
4. Presentations from Staff
 - a. Discussed Grade 4 Team presentation and decided to have it at the October 28th board meeting, giving staff time to adjust to the new programs before having to worry about presenting
 - b. Would like the next presentation on November 25, to be grade 6-8 science
5. Survey
 - a. Updated new members about the survey sent out to RSU 63 high school students and parents
 - b. Teacher survey update- no responses on the survey

6. Other

- Two parents attended the meeting as community members and were asked what they would like to see as parents. They want to know what can do at home and were shown the link on the Curriculum district website that shows what's going on in math
- Parents asked about why we have the new programs. Ashley and Tina explained that the math was being retired and a new one had already been researched/chosen and it is consistent K-8. Then there was a Literacy Grant which provided the funds for a needed Reading program that is consistent K-8
- Tina showed the Pacing Guide on the Curriculum district website as well as the Curriculum Plan and grade level brochures are being updated then will be posted back on the website.
- Ashley was asked how teachers feel about having the two new programs. Right now they are overwhelmed but like it so far. Administrator message is it won't be perfect and just try
- Concerns were raised about all the assessments in the Spring. Tina explained they will be spread out this year. Last year was to get baseline data. Explained that the Maine DOE has changed when state testing can be done so it occurs at more productive times of the school year.
- Tina and Ashley also discussed how all staff are working on engagement, which includes testing strategies for students
- A question was brought up about the Data Walls. The data walls are only for information purposes to guide student instruction. Only staff that need to know have access to student data.

7. Next Meeting Date is December 9 at 5:00 in the Holbrook Conference Room

8. Adjourned at 6:35

APPROVED: September, 23, 2024