

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 57**  
**Office of the Superintendent**  
**Waterboro, Maine 04087**

Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2015

**Members Present:**

Anthony Brunton                  Jodi Laine                  Judith Vasalle                  Heather Silva

**Others Present:**

Christine Bertinet                  Lori Lodge                  Chris Elkington                  Christopher Jandreau

**AGENDA:**

**A. Call to Order**

Heather Silva called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**B. Declaration of Quorum**

Quorum was reached with four members present.

**C. Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2015**

Approved as read with correction.

**D. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None.

**E. New Business**

**1. World Language Discussion:**

A handout is attached by World Language Department Chair, Chris Jandreau.

Mr. Jandreau shared with the committee the work they are currently doing with the World Language Learning Targets. What will the expectation be for proficiency in the district? Chris explained the levels of World Language as: novice, intermediate low, intermediate mid and intermediate high, advanced beginner.

World Language can no longer be an elective.

Recommend looking at an immersion model. Have items labeled throughout the schools for students. We do need to budget for staff to model and work with elementary staff for integration in addition to a staff member at the middle school for foundational programming.

The Maine Department of Education is defining Intermediate Mid as the level of proficiency for the World Language requirements. To get students to this level of proficiency it would require additional staffing.

Can we use year 4 World Language high school students to model/Skype and meet with elementary and middle school students?

Some next steps:

- A plan for outreach to begin second semester of 2015-16.
- Administrators at K-8 need to have a conversation about where to begin next year.

**2. Summer Work/Summer Training:**

Lori Lodge shared the district summer training/work schedule. Itinerant offerings?

Chris Elkington will send dates for additional work for high school training/work.

**3. Assessment:**

Letter and chart shared and discussed. Chris Elkington shared he had a conversation with Dr. Nash, the President of the teacher's union about the message going out from staff.

What are students doing if they are not taking the assessment? At the middle level students have been sitting in the library and are working on targets not met. No new learning is happening.

At this time, up to 40% of the juniors at the high school have opted out.

Many parents opting their student out of the testing are reacting to misinformation. If parents are contacted by administration to explain the assessment, they have been reconsidering and having their child participate.

At the high school level, juniors took the SAT in April, some take the AP exams in May and now have to take the MEA, so many are opting out.

We have staff members opt their students out.

The perception is the Maine Education Association is communicating the connection to the new Supervision and Evaluation legislation.

Need to make points to the public:

- This will impact school "grading" from the state (not this year), but in 2016-17.
- Explain how valuable the data is and how we use it.

**4. Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. – Central Office

**4. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.