

Education Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 6:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Mark Guzzi, Robin McNeil, Ryan Parker, Chad Stratton, Kathy Neill

Members Absent: Etna vacancy, Jenny Watson, Ken Sands

Others Present: Lori Merrow, Ken Kealiher, Maxine Pare, Mike Hammer, Ellen Surprenant, Liz Mares, Angela Brown, Jane Stork, Mary Nadeau, Michael Glynn, Kelly Burns, Laura Donahue, Kelly Michaud, Nicole Chaplin, Veronica Nicholson, Donna Kissinger, Hailey Dellarma, Jen Finnemore, Adam Edwards

I. Public Comment - None

- II. KVCAP Pre-K and Life Skills Presentation from Somerset** - Nicole Chapin and Hailey Dellarma discussed how Pre-k and Head Start/KVCAP have been functioning under Covid conditions. Nicole shared the handout that she had sent to all Board members. They have been working to keep students and parents connected to all the services they usually receive with the necessary tweaks created by Covid. Overall most students are getting what they need and progressing in Pre-k. Headstart has the ability to provide many wrap around services and parent outreach beyond what we are able to do in all of our programs.

Jen Finnemore gave an overview of how she keeps our life skills students connected to school both in person and online. She has about 6 students that are fully remote and she went through a typical schedule and platform which showed the actual online profile the students and parents see. She reiterated that the most successful students have parents that support the teacher and student.

Virtual Literacy Event - Laura and Donna gave an overview of the Family Literacy Night that was held at Seabasticook Elementary early this year. Donna provided snippets of activities that families participated in, breaking down the number of activities students participated in, feedback from students and the variety of staff members that came up with creative ideas. Virtual events may be one of the things that stick after we get back to school. It is a much easier way for some families to connect to our schools.

III. Remote Physical Education - This was a team presentation from all of the elementary physical education teachers, Becky Wetherbee, Adam Edwards, and Kelly Michaud. These teachers collaborate each week and share activities as well as instructional content. All of our elementary students may have any one of our elementary PE teachers presenting to them in class or online. They have had to be very creative in assessing and engaging students in online PE. They have introduced new content and they have been teaching outside as much as the weather would allow. This collaboration will be another benefit that has come out of these challenging conditions.

IV. CoronaVirus Update - Mike gave an update on what is happening in the District regarding Covid-19. Prior to break and after there have been a couple close contacts and no further student cases. Mary, Dean, Angela, and Mike have met to see what the possibility of bringing more students back on a pilot basis prior to April Vacation. The consensus is that this can be done safely, gyms will need to be continued to be used for cafeteria overflow. Mary and Angela have worked out specific details for their specific sides and intricacies of their set up. If we can't stay safe we will go back to a hybrid model. The emotional and educational impact of Covid continues to wear on our students and families.

V. Other - None

VI. Future Agenda Items - Science Curriculum Exposure, Coaching Update from Kelly Burns and Lori Mellow, Behavior Specialist Report

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hammer, Superintendent