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RSU 12 Curriculum, Learning, and Instruction Committee Agenda/Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Chelsea Elementary School – 5:30 pm

Present: Suzanne Balbo, Kelli Krebs, Will Sugg, Deb Taylor, Frank Hample

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 11, 2021: (5 minutes)
Unanimous

2. CURRICULUM UPDATE: (5 minutes)

RSU 12, in compliance with State mandates regarding student testing and accountability, has begun testing students in grades 3 - 8 using the NWEA Math and Reading assessments. We are fortunate that the NWEA assessment is an assessment with which we are quite familiar. The district has been using it for our own assessment purposes since RSU 12 was first formed. The State's decision to use the NWEA assessment for its State testing requirement allows us to minimize the amount of time students spend in testing by not adding an additional assessment requirement. In addition, unlike with previous State assessments, we will have the assessment results upon test completion and can use them to inform instruction in a timely manner.

Shortly, RSU 12 students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the new State mandated Science test. This is an online test aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards. We are just this week receiving information from the State about the testing requirements and format. We will do all that we can to prepare students for the testing experience and will begin testing in May.

RSU 12 has just learned that it is the recipient of a Title I Reallocation grant, which will fund summer school programming for students identified for Title I services. This programming will support student learning in Reading and Math and help prepare students for a successful start to the next school year.

3. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION:

The committee reviewed a sample Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy from an area school district and discussed RSU 12's commitment to creating and maintaining a safe learning environment for all students.

This committee requests an agenda item on the agenda of the full RSU 12 school board and recommends the formation of a committee to assess the extent to which our district has created a safe and inclusive community and what steps, if any, we need to take to further support those efforts. This committee further recommends that this work include representatives from the school board, specifically representatives from other sub-committees such as Facilities and Bullying Prevention, staff members, students, and community members.

4. OTHER:

5. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS (Once marked complete, the item will be removed from the list for the following month):



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6. ACTION FOR NEXT MEETING:

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 10, 2021

END TIME: 6:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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