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

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Chelsea Elementary School – 5:30 pm

Present: Keith Marple, Will Sugg, Susan Stires, Deb Taylor, Barbara Baston, Chris Johnson

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2017: (5 minutes)

Unanimous

2. CURRICULUM UPDATE: (10 minutes)

A group of teachers and administrators attended a follow-up conference on Growth Mindset sponsored by the Maine Department of Education. We learned strategies for fostering a growth mindset in our learners and ways to communicate with our parents and community about the importance of mindset and the work we are doing with our learners.

The RSU 12 Community Literacy Team met for the first time this school year and reviewed progress on the goals and action items identified by the team last year. The team, with funding made possible by the State's PreK Expansion Grant, made it possible to provide every incoming preschooler with a bag of books, a welcome letter, and a parent handout describing some literacy strategies and games that can be done at home. The team will continue to work to put little libraries in the district's towns where they may not yet exist and to foster a love of reading in our community for all ages.

Each school's leadership team and district level administration met to learn how to use a tool called Dirigo Star to streamline school improvement efforts, articulate clear building goals, and measure progress towards those goals. This work will continue throughout the year and will help inform district goals and strategic planning. The Maine Department of Education is making Dirigo Star available to school districts free of charge.

Discussion about being sure to make the literacy bags available to all RSU 12 students regardless of school of attendance. Consider tying the bags to the check for residency process and working with town offices for distribution. Think about the marketing possibilities of these bags and include information about RSU 12 schools.

3. GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF AUDIOVISUAL WORKS: (15 minutes)

Suggested action: Recommend policy committee consider [policy IIAB](#) for eventual board adoption

Recommend that the policy committee consider draft policy IIAB with the suggested removal of item #3 in the top half of the page and the table in the middle of the page. Suggestion that the policy committee consider the following as it reviews the draft:

- The policy seeks to maximize instructional time for learners but recognizes that student engagement is fostered through interest and fun.
- The policy defines a process for determining the appropriateness of audio-visual work for given age groups that is sustainable and not overly restrictive

4. MSMA CONFERENCE:

Keith shared some of the information he saw at a presentation by Auburn School District teachers about multi-age grouping and student tracking of their own learning.

5. REVIEW OF CURRICULUM RESOURCES AND IMPLEMENTATION: (10 minutes)

How will this document inform the action of the curriculum committee?



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6. MATH: (10 minutes)

Consider ways to create family and school community challenges - math problems (i.e. how many pencils to get to the moon); Family math nights

7. OTHER: (5 minutes)

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

9. ACTION FOR NEXT MEETING:

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: December 14, 2017 at 5:30 at Chelsea Elementary School

END TIME: 6:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Taylor
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