

**Regional School Unit 19  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

NRH/MS Library

January 4, 2022

6:30 PM

**Members Present:** *Ryan Parker, David Cameron, Mark Guzzi, Robin McNeil, Ellie Roberts, Chad Stratton, Jennifer Watson, Alyssa Worster*

**I. Public Comment**

- *None*

**II. Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) - Cara Flannery**

- *Mary presenting (Mrs. Flannery out sick).*
- *[Here is a link to Mary's presentation deck.](#)*
  - *Shared a wonderful [video](#) highlighting Nokomis, the campus, and Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO). Video linked in the board packet. The students were involved in making the video. Video is nice to have to show-off the campus, the space and building, and the types of activities that students can participate in.*
- *Mary spoke highly of Cara Flannery and the job she has been doing.*
  - *Highlighted some of the tools Cara has created to share job opportunities with students.*
  - *Cara also was instrumental in a statewide, virtual job fair that brought professionals and business owners into a classroom.*
    - *Anyone who knows someone with potential work experiences for students should reach out to Cara and/or Mary.*
  - *Cara is also part of a statewide organization of coordinators like her to try to keep information flowing into the school and student body so they are always up to date.*
- *Over 78% of students have participated in at least one ELO.*
  - *This is also providing opportunities for some of our Alt. Ed students. Jeff works with Cara to open up some of those relationships.*
  - *Some of the opportunities right in the district include custodial internship, a diesel mechanic internship with the bus garage, etc.*
  - *Many of the students tie their ELO to a senior project so there are feedback mechanisms when/where the students can reflect on their experiences.*
- *Sometimes transportation is an issue so once Covid dies down Mike and Mary are hoping to be able to use the district vans that are currently otherwise used to provide transportation support for students.*

### **III. Barr Grant Update**

- *Mary Presenting.*
  - *Barr Foundation is a philanthropic group interested in supporting public schools. Barr grant buzz phrase, “Wider Learning Challenge.”*
    - *Number of businesses have been interested in offering internships.*
    - *Fits with the high school plan to expose students to a very broad range of career opportunities (first two years) then get more specific and deeper the second half of high school careers.*
    - *Also looking at college credits for the students planning on post secondary education.*
    - *Kids also get out of the community and visit other career/business opportunities all around the state.*
  - *Board members should take time to review the videos and presentation material that Mary shared (linked above).*
    - *Includes lots of good public exposure.*
- *See Mary’s slides for a breakdown of this multi-year partnership with Barr Foundation.*
  - *Opportunity for an additional funding stream going forward.*
    - *Barr Foundation has been an amazing partner for the district, supporting staff traveling to conferences (funding above grant itself).*
    - *Grant funding has included stipends for students to be paid for some of the work related to the project (Nokomis highlight video for example)*

### **IV. Other**

- *None*

### **V. Future Agenda Items**

- *Gifted and Talented in February*
- *JROTC*
- *Jobs for Maine Grads*

### **VI. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Parker, Committee Chair

*Attachments area*  
*Preview YouTube video Nokomis Regional High*

