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RSU 12 Curriculum, Learning, and Instruction Committee Agenda/Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2022
Chelsea Elementary School – 5:30 pm

Present: Will Sugg, Deb Myers, Deb Taylor, Doug Morier

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2022: (5 minutes) Unanimous
2. CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: (5 minutes)

RSU 12 initiated a new round of professional development opportunities developed for teachers based on their feedback. Teachers use one Wednesday afternoon a month, during early release time, to meet on their selected topic and learn with their colleagues. Topics this round include social-emotional support for students, positive behavioral supports, Math instruction, learning matrices for personalized learning, and more.

RSU 12's winter testing window has come to a close. Students took NWEA MAP growth tests in Math and Reading, the results of which are used to inform instruction and interventions for these students. Students will participate in mandatory State testing in Reading and in Math at the end of the school year.

There will be a workshop day for teachers on March 25. During this day, there will be opportunities for learning and collaboration related to Response to Intervention, Math instruction, Reading assessment and instruction, and more. This time will enable teachers to further support their students as they move through the last few months of the school year.

Discussion of the role of State testing and accountability, the history of the State-mandated tests, their purpose, and the connection between federal mandates and the State accountability system.

3. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE REVIEW:

Provided a brief review of the feedback of Five Town CSD's policy work and their impressions of the impact thereof. Discussed some of the policy statements on school district websites. Request to explore Portland Public Schools work on this issue. Reviewed and affirmed the commitments expressed in the FiveTown CSD policy and discussed the possibility of framing this work in terms of COVID response and/or accountability and equity across sub groups.

What are our next steps? Discussed possibility of a policy. Alternatively maybe a charge to admin to develop a district committee to define goals and create measures for evaluation. Will continue this discussion next meeting.

4. OTHER:

5. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS (Once marked complete, the item will be removed from the list for the following month):
 - **Possibly** schedule joint Policy and Curriculum meeting to review summary of existing policies against inclusion policies of other districts to identify any gaps if deemed by this committee to be an appropriate next step



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6. ACTION FOR NEXT MEETING:

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 14, 2022

END TIME: 6:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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