# M.S.A.D. 11 DROPOUT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

# MARCH 23, 2017 GARDINER REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY - 3:00 PM

## **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Penny Poolman Joe Klofas Alan Yuodsnukis Diann Bailey Joe Fitzsimmons RayeAnne DeSoto Todd Sanders Tom Landberg Sue Oakland

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee discussed the monthly meeting times and attendance. In particular, attendance seems to drop off this time of year with after-school responsibilities and testing. The Committee was unanimous in recognizing the importance of meeting every month.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The group reviewed the mission statement: "Engaging, Supporting, and Advancing Every Student in M.S.A.D. 11: We are committed as a group to the development of a true multi-tiered system of support for all students in MSAD 11, from the time they enter Pre-K to when they graduate."

## **PROFESSIONAL READ/BOOK STUDY:**

<u>Closing the Attitude Gap: How to Fire Up Your Students to Strive for Success</u> (Chapters 1 and 2)

Chapter 1:

Focus data to determine climate and culture and the messages we send to students every day with our own attitude towards school and learning. The group also discussed Chapter 2: Attitude towards students.

#### **ELEMENTARY STUDENT SURVEY:**

The elementary survey will be given in May and Committee members will look over the data to develop a report. The middle school and high school data will be added as well in a report to the School Board.

#### **HOST HOMES COALITION (GARDINER)**

Todd Sanders attended the local meeting at 6:30 pm (March  $23^{rd}$ ) to get information about the organization and its attempts to address homeless, school age, youth in the M.S.A.D. #11 communities. The organization is in its infancy and is still trying to determine the best ways to assist young people in homeless situations.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

**April 12** @ 3:15 pm @ Gardiner Area High School - Library **May 18** @ 3:15 pm @ Gardiner Regional Middle School - Library