

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2103

Committee Members Present : C. Bachofner, G. Emery, D. Robishaw
Other Board Members Present : L. Andrews
Staff Members Present : C. Veit, N. Guyer
Others Present : none
Location : Superintendent's Office – McLain Building

I. Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by the acting Curriculum Committee Chair, C. Bachofner, at 5:30 PM.

II. Updates regarding the RSU 13 Proficiency-Based Learning Initiative – Implication and Directions for RSU 13; C. Veit, N. Guyer

Carissa Veit reviewed the recent activities of the RSU 13 Proficiency Based Steering Committee (PBSC). The PBSC currently has a membership of eighteen – inclusive of district-wide faculty representation, and administrators. The PBSC has also been organized into working subcommittees for policy, professional development, and technology. The last full day meeting of the PBSC was in late October, the policy subcommittee held a work session on November 14th, and as much as possible – electronic platforms are being utilized to share, communicate, and act upon developmental issues and professional development request as they arise. Recent highlighted activities and developments discussed at this meeting included:

- Review of an 8th grade parent meeting held at OHS-W on November 20th to orient parents to proficiency based grading which is being instituted this year.*
- An explanation of graduation standards that have been identified for the State of Maine and the process that the PBSC will utilize to identify RSU 13 requirements for graduation.*
- An explanation of how learning standards may apply to multiple content areas and may serve to support proficiency in more than one area.*
- The PBSC's identification of policy development and the selection of a workable data platform as two major objectives that have come to the fore in the early stages of this project and are central to on-going subcommittee work sessions.*

The Curriculum Committee engaged in a comprehensive discussion of these topics, and will continue to receive regular updates regarding this project as we continue to move forward. A website has been developed and will be continually updated with meeting agendas, meeting summaries, links to resources, and working documents at www.sites.google.com/site/rsu13pbsc. The site may also be accessed under the central office banner of the RSU 13 website.

III. Review of recent RSU 13 Math Team activities and emerging recommendations; N. Guyer

Committee members reviewed and began a wide-ranging discussion of a draft summary profiling the on-going work and emerging recommendations of the RSU 13 Math Team. The team initiated work during the summer of 2013 following the release of the RSU 13 Mathematics Program Audit. The summary highlights professional development and other supports that are being pursued to strengthen K-5 instruction, and the intent of the committee to pursue unification/replacement of the 6-8 instructional programs as a 'value added' budget priority for FY 14. The committee will continue this discussion and review at its December meeting.

IV. Other/Adjourn:

The Committee confirmed that it will meet again on December 19, 2013 at 5:30 PM.

This meeting was adjourned by the acting Curriculum Committee Chair, C. Bachofner at 6:45 PM.