

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2016

Committee Members Present	:	L. Andrews, D. Robishaw, C. Bachofner
Other Board Members Present	:	C. Curtis
Staff Members Present	:	N. Guyer
Others Present	:	none
Location	:	McLain Building – Rockland

I. Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Committee Chair L. Andrews at 3:35 PM.

II. Review of Mid-Coast Curriculum Leaders & Superintendents' agreement for awarding science graduation credits for MCST programs:

It was explained that a recent cooperative, regional effort of responding districts to MCST has resulted in a unified agreement concerning the awarding of graduation credits for six science-based offerings at MCST. This agreement insures that students successfully completing the following courses at MCST will also earn graduation credits; Pre-Engineering, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN), Medical Science, Horticulture, and Firefighting. Other dimensions of the unified agreement include:

- *Pre-Engineering may satisfy a physical science/lab credit requirement.*
- *Any student successfully completing two of the medical programs would also be eligible for a life science/lab graduation credit.*
- *All of the medical offerings taken individually, Horticulture, and Firefighting will stand as elective science credits available to students.*

Currently RSU 13 requires three science credits to graduate including at least one credit in life science, one credit in physical science, and one elective credit. This will apply thru the class of 2018. Beginning on March 8th, this collaborative, regional effort will continue with the goal of establishing a process that will serve to verify 'standards worthy' graduation requirement offerings for the class of 2019 and beyond. This process will also be expanded to include verification of additional MCST offerings. Participants in this work include regional Curriculum Coordinators, MCST personnel, regional high school principals, and content specific teachers. The work sessions to date have been organized and facilitated by the Great Schools Partnership (GSP).

It was noted that this endeavor has been fully supported by Mid-Coast Superintendents and pervious agreements had verified graduation credit agreements in the areas of English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Design Technology.

III. Schools of Our Future – Transition Activities Updates:

A brief overview of transition activities was presented, highlighting professional development initiatives that are being pursued via funding from federal grant sources and from the contingency transfer that was requested by the RSU 13 Administrative Team and approved by the Board in January.

Professional development activities include:

- *Staff Development for Educators (SDE) Conference, April 11th & 12th – a team of fourteen K-3 teachers will be attending along with Principal Riley.*
- *New England League of Middle School (NELMS Conference), March 31 & April 1st – a team of six mid-level educators will be attending along with Principal Gifford.*
- *New England Secondary Schools Consortium (NESSC) – High School Redesign in Action Conference, March 17th & 18th – a team of nine secondary teachers will be attending with Principal Thompson.*
- *Assessment Literacy Leadership Workshop Series for Mid-Coast Regional Leaders. This four-day workshop series will take place at Point Lookout in Northport, and will focus on designing and implementing high quality assessments in a proficiency-based learning environment. Training dates will be April 1st & 2nd, - followed by an additional two days in the fall TBD. RSU 13 will be sponsoring a team of ten mid-level and secondary faculty.*
- *Restorative Practice Training for all mid-level and secondary faculty and administration will occur. The initial training sessions will occur in June following the conclusion of the school year, and the second training date will occur in October of 2016.*

All three conference proposals have been reviewed and approved by the RSU 13 Proficiency-Based Steering Committee. Additionally, these professional development initiatives serve as opportunities to support and inform the development of cultural shifts and renewals as schools are reconstituted, new faculty are welcomed, and new beginnings are anticipated as a result of Schools of Our Future.

IV. Technology Items:

Technology items were not addressed at this meeting.

V. Other/Adjourn:

This meeting was adjourned by Chair Andrews at 4:25 PM.

The Curriculum-Technology Committee will next meet on March 28, 2016 at 3:30 PM. Anticipated agenda items include review of budget requests supporting curriculum and technology initiatives for FY 17.