

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13  
SCHOOL BOARD  
CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2017

Committee Members Present	:	L. Andrews, C. Bachofner, S. Allen Thomas
Other Board Members Present	:	none
Staff Members Present	:	J. Monahan, N. Guyer
Location	:	McLain Building, Rockland

I. Call to order:

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

II. Curriculum: N. Guyer

*Committee members reviewed and discussed Category 1 of the existing RSU 13 Strategic Plan – Lead Objective Teaching and Learning. It was noted that this is the beginning of a review process that will be one component of an over-all consideration and eventual re-authorization of a continuing strategic plan for the district. For this meeting, review and discussion focused upon elements within Category 1 that have been accomplished and/or where significant progress has been realized. It was further noted that several elements would never be ‘completed’ or bound by firm timelines – as they represent evolving demands and challenges as curriculum and technology projects continue over time.*

*When the Curriculum-Technology meets in April, this discussion will continue with a forward looking analysis of the actions items that need to continue, and a consideration of themes for the future.*

III. Technology: J. Monahan

*This segment of the agenda entertained a continuing discussion related to the strategic plan review – as it was noted that the existing document speaks very little (as authored in 2013) as to the role of educational technology within the district’s planning and visioning for the future. Committee members endorsed the recommendation that the district’s technology integrators be invited to the next Curriculum – Technology Committee meeting in order to engage in a deeper investigation and conversation regarding some of the guiding questions and themes that might be addressed in the next iteration of the district’s strategic plan, inclusive of but not limited to:*

- *How should we be defining the role of technology within a proficiency-based system of teaching and learning – where learning is the constant and time is the variable? Impacts for student engagement, differentiation, personal pathways, etc.*

- *What might realistic expectations of educators be regarding the impactful utilization of technology, and what support mechanisms and strategies do they imply for professional development – the role of the technology integrator, etc.?*
- *To what extent might technology-based programs replace traditional programs and/or teaching approaches?*
- *How would our technology integrators characterize the current state of technology utilization within our district and what challenges does that characterization imply for the future – near term – longer term?*
- *If we had to predict/recommend a major paradigm shift – what would it be?*
- *Do we need to be mindful of any health implications for students and staff with ever-increasing screen time?*

*These questions are intended to assist in framing a conversation and further exploration, and are not intended to be addressed in any 'formal report.' The Curriculum-Technology Committee sees the strategic plan as an important venue for clarifying expectations going forward, and using the strategic plan to communicate a vision for educational technology with staff and the community-at-large. Committee members look forward to a continuation of this discussion at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

#### IV. Other/Adjourn:

*It was confirmed that the Curriculum-Technology Committee will meet again on April 24, 2017 – 3:30 PM – McLain Building in Rockland.*

*Chair Andrews adjourned this meeting at 4:40 PM.*