

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2016

Committee Members Present	:	L. Andrews, D. Robishaw, S. Thomas, C. Bachofner
Other Board Members Present	:	C. Curtis
Staff Members Present	:	N. Guyer, B. Johnson, J. Masterson
Others Present	:	Ann Boover – Herring Gut Learning Center, two visiting community members
Location	:	Herring Gut Learning Center (HGLC)

I. Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Committee Chair L. Andrews at 3:30 PM.

II. Curriculum:

Committee members were welcomed to the Herring Gut Learning Center for a profile of the RSU 13 Mid-Level Alternative Education Program and an orientation to the HGLC facility. HGLC instructor, Ann Boover, and RSU 13 Mid-Level Alternative education teacher, Jim Masterson, explained the structure and contextual elements of the program and its long standing collaboration with HGLC. Highlights of this presentation included:

- An overview of the program's nineteen-year history and evolving collaboration with HGLC.*
- A profile of program participants, programming goals, and a description of the strong academic elements that are addressed in supporting student success.*
- A description of how the math, science, and the cultural aspects of the student directed aquaculture enterprise at HGLC serve to strengthen the application of academic learning and authentic student engagement.*
- Committee members also received a comprehensive tour of the HGLC facility.*

In addition to the profile of the alternative education program, other aspects of RSU 13 and HGLC collaboration were identified inclusive of an elementary teacher professional development series that has occurred for the past six years and pending programming possibilities with the RSU 13 Gifted and Talented Program. Teachers participating in the professional development series have all constructed and implemented classroom-based aquaponics systems as a continuing component of their exploratory science curriculum as well as involving their students in field trips to HGLC.

III. Technology:

Bruce Johnson, RSU 13 IT Director, updated committee members on the on-going deployment of MLTI technology. The goal of establishing and maintaining a closed technology environment with maximum teacher control was emphasized. To this end it is being recommended that students be limited in their use of personal equipment for instructional purposes and be required to utilize issued MLTI devices. In respect of this

requirement, it is also recommended that the existing practice of having families contribute to a self-insurance pool be suspended and that families that have already participated be reimbursed their contributions. A communication will be sent to all parents indicating the importance of student participation with school issued technology and reminding families that students may be responsible for excessive damage that is not legitimately accidental and/or a result of normal wear and tear. Families that indicate a preference for their students not bringing MLTI devices home will have the option of storing and charging devices at school.

Committee members unanimously agreed with this approach and recommendation.

IV. Other/Adjourn:

This meeting was adjourned by Chair Andrews at 5:05 PM.