

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2018

Committee Members Present : S. Allen Thomas, L. Andrews, A. Williams-Beers (Skype), Carol Bachofner
Other Board Members Present :
Staff Members Present : S. Tribou, B. Johnson
Location : McLain Building, Rockland

I. Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Susan Allen Thomas at 3:30pm.

II. Technology

10/17 Technology ½ Day Update: This day was intended to be a building based customized day to help support teachers on their focus areas. Apple was contacted to provide trainers as well. The high school and middle school had many 1-hour offerings for teachers. We need more professional development to support the use of technology. Because we have one-to-one technology, we need to continue to support teachers' use of technology to elevate instruction. Chair Thomas asked if we are seeing improvement within the classroom in terms of technology use. Bruce Johnson explained that we are really on the substitute part of the SAMR model. We still need to develop more ways for teachers to move up the SAMR model. Bruce Johnson and Steffany Tribou will be co-facilitating a meeting with a new committee called Instructional Technology Committee. This committee is made up of representatives from each school as well as tech integrators. We currently have 5 of our 6 positions filled for tech integrators, so we also want to explore how to best use those positions to deliver on the spot professional development. Another conversation that this brought up is the need for more professional development time. While that is a contractual issue, it is something for the board to keep in mind with another round of negotiations on the horizon. Other districts in the midcoast have 180 student days, which would allow more flexibility with early releases, and we should try to work in conjunction with planning for professional development days with schools that we share students with such as MCST.

Phone Update: Bruce is still working to update the phone system. No major changes since the last meeting: "A company called Kyocera provided RSU 13 with 250 \$300 phones, \$50,000 worth of service, as well as a check for \$50,000 to the district. Currently Ash Point Community School has these phones in use. Additionally, Thomaston Grammar School has now been rewired completely due to having outdated wiring. Both of these schools now have 911 capabilities in every classroom. The bus garage has also been updated. Up next will be Central Office (with just the phone handsets and not updated wiring). South School will be the next rewired school."

III. Curriculum

K-5 Science Pilot and update to 6-12 science indicator language: K-5 teachers will be piloting 3 science programs during Trimester 2: Foss, Stemscopes, and Mystery Science. All teachers currently have access to Mystery Science, but we want to also explore other resources to see what best meets the needs of our students and aligns best with NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards). The Vertical Science Team has worked over this past year to put this pilot together and

is inclusive of a middle and high school teacher. The early process of this group was to read the reports from the RISE center for recommendations on curriculum resources as opposed to re-creating the wheel. RSU 13 will take a similar approach to math programs and partner with the RISE Center. Along the same vein of professional development as discussed in technology, we need to ensure that we are providing staff with support in both science and math instruction as opposed to simply purchasing programs.

SRP School Safety Update: Steffany Tribou gave a brief update about the Standard Response Protocol presentation that all district employees were expected to attend on October 5th. As a result, RSU 13 took these first initial steps: (1) adopting the language of “Lockdown!, Lockout!, Shelter!, Evacuate!, and Hold!” (2) all employees were asked to ensure that all doors are in working order and have working locks inclusive of when a sub is in for a teacher (3) keep a walkie-talkie on you when taking students outside of the building. John McDonald and William Gifford will be heading up a district Safety Committee as there is much more to consider moving forward including alignment of school safety plans and adoption of reunification plans. John will share more at an upcoming meeting since he was out today.

Discussion of programming in relation to current events (2 board requests for information): Steffany Tribou shared with board members where information about standards can be accessed on the Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction website as questions arise. Loren Andrews raised a question about instruction of climate change and personal responsibility to the environment in schools, and Carol Bachofner wanted to know more about when and where sexual assault and consent is instructed. Moving forward, board members feel that it is important to raise awareness and share concerns and issues about content that they would like to see in schools but more for conversation purposes as opposed to looking for immediate action steps until the board feels as a group that an action step is necessary.

V. Other/Adjourn:

*The committee will meet again on **November 26, 2018 at 3:30pm**. Future agenda items to include:*

**HSA and Student Support Coordinator*

Committee Chair Thomas adjourned this meeting at 4:39 pm.