

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13  
SCHOOL BOARD  
CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 24, 2020

Committee Members Present : S. Allen Thomas, L. Andrews  
Other Board Members Present :  
Staff Members Present : J. McDonald, S. Tribou, B. Johnson  
Location : Board Room at old South School, Rockland

I. Call to order:

*This meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Susan Allen Thomas at 3:16pm due to technical difficulties.*

II. Technology

**Planning for the future of devices K-12:**

- Bruce Johnson wants to ensure that the Board is supportive of a bridge year for the devices with a plan of making a purchase at this same time next year. EPS funding is used and has been used in support of MLTI. The Board will need to decide if we want to continue with MLTI or if we want to use the EPS funding for another package. Bruce Johnson anticipates that MLTI will put out their plan this summer. It will be important to know what the next iteration of MLTI will look like. If our plan is to go with what we have, it might be more cost effective to go our own route without taking advantage of MLTI since we already have the wiring complete.
- Every teacher currently has two devices. Do all teachers use both? Are they both used equally? Is there a preference of one over the other?
- Apple will most likely continue to be used since our infrastructure supports that (wiring, Apple TVs, etc.)
- If the DOE does not put out an MLTI plan this summer, we will need to move forward with an alternative plan to not go through MLTI.
- The goal of the Board is to continue to be a one-to-one district.
- An immediate suggested next step is to survey teachers and students (perhaps a 2-3 question survey...the committee members and Mr. John McDonald seek the input of these important stakeholders) for both groups to be completed by next meeting.

III. Curriculum

**Math Pilot Plans:**

Beginning last year, a district-wide math team was assembled to begin looking at the math needs across the district. The three major findings were the need for more effective interventions across all grade levels, clearer performance indicators and rubrics, and a common curriculum resource K-5. Since district work was already taking place around the second finding (performance indicators/"I Can" statements were in the process of being established as well as rubric language), the focus became the need for interventions as well as for a common curriculum resource. The focus for the committee's work this year is to tackle the common K-5 curriculum resource. The committee has studied ratings on EdReport.com, used their rating guide as an initial pre-screener, and researched some of the high scoring resources. From there, the committee narrowed the list down to four possible resources: Envision 2020 (Pearson), Eureka Math, Bridges, and Ready Classroom. All companies will provide a 1-hour overview/webinar, and each has sent physical materials to review. The committee recently completed a group reading of the chapter, "Mathematical Understanding: An Introduction" (Fuson, Kalchman, Bransford) from the book *How Students Learn*, and used the findings in the article to craft the major looks fors, which were developed into a rating tool for the committee to narrow the four resources down to two. The two chosen resources will be piloted next year across the district in K-5 in order to establish an agreed upon new K-5 math resource.

**Redefining Success:**

Board Chair, Loren Andrews, shared a PowerPoint that he created around redefining success. Relationships and Pathways help us clarify our focus. It's important to get a little more focused on this because it is one size fits all and not just a fad. Students need to know that they belong, that they are supported, and that they have a pathway. The presentation underscored that mutually caring relationships are vital for our culture: "We *care* about each other, we *believe* in each other, and we *support* each other."

**IV. Other/Adjourn:**

*The committee will meet again on Monday, March 23, at 3:00pm at the Conference Room at McLain School. Future agenda items to include:*

\*Technology Survey Data

*Committee Chair, Thomas, adjourned this meeting at 4:31pm.*