

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
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October 17, 2017
6:00 PM
SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee: Amy Rouse - Chair, Maryellen Charles – Vice Chair, Jeannie Conley, Tim Downing, Derek Ellis, Goff French, Desiree Libby and Dixie Ring

Others: Brent Colbry, Eileen Crowley, Bruce Mochamer, Patty Moody and Jonathan Moody

1. Spanish Club

Skowhegan Area High School Principal, Bruce Mochamer, shared a proposal for a Spanish Club at the high school that was brought to him by two students. He recommended the Committee support the addition of the club at the high school. The Club was supported by both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and approve the addition of a Spanish Club at Skowhegan Area High School.

2. Policy Work: JJA (Student Organizations)

Mr. Moody reviewed draft policy JJA, which was adjusted to include a similar proposal process to that, which existed in policy JJAA (Athletic Clubs). The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent answered questions about the proposed policy and recommended its adoption.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and adopt revised policy JJA, Student Organizations, as written.

3. Policy Work: JLC (Student Health Services and Requirements)

Mr. Moody updated the Committee on the need to adjust policy JLC and shared the current policy with the Committee. Mr. Moody will bring a revised policy to the Committee for review/consideration at the November meeting.

4. PBE Implementation Update

The Committee reviewed progress on the implementation of proficiency based education in the district.

5. MDOE Chapter 134, Proficiency Based Diploma Law

Mr. Moody briefed the Committee on the current status of Maine Department of Education rules related to Chapter 134 (PBE Diploma Law). Mr. Colbry and Board Chair Downing shared related information regarding their meeting with the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Moody will be serving on one of the panels providing feedback on new questions by the Department as they work to craft new rules over the next six months.

6. State Testing Data

The Committee reviewed the district state testing data for grades 3-8 and 11. The Committee also reviewed the scores of area schools and schools with similar demographics. The Committee discussed the importance of using state testing data alongside local testing data to create district, school and classroom level goals, and work to improve instruction and outcomes for our students.

7. Future EPPC Items

- Update on District PBE implementation
- Ongoing Policy Review
- Review and adoption of graduation standards for Health & PE, Visual & Performing Arts, World Languages, and Career Education

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for November 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.