

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Educational Policy/Program Committee</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>September 12, 2017</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM</b>

**Committee: Maryellen Charles, Jeannie Conley, Tim Downing, Goff French, Desiree Libby, Peggy Lovejoy, Lynda Quinn, Dixie Ring, Amy Rouse, Karen Smith**

**Others: Brent Colbry, Eileen Crowley, David Dorr, Patty Moody, Jonathan Moody, Steve Swindells**

**1. Committee Reorganization**

The Committee reorganized. Amy Rouse was elected Chair and Maryellen Charles was elected Vice-Chair. The quorum was set at 5.

**2. Dropout Prevention Committee Update**

Steve Swindells shared the work of the committee and its focus on getting and keeping students in school. They will continue its work and will update the EPPC Committee at a future meeting.

David Dorr shared SCTC's opportunity for collaboration with KVCC with a no-cost addition of an EMT program at the tech center and asked the Committee for support of this program. The Committee made the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and approve an EMT Program at Somerset Career and Technical Center, in collaboration with KVCC.**

**3. PBE Implementation Update**

- Update on PBE Implementation district-wide:

The Assistant Superintendent shared an updated Organizational Chart which included the addition of a K-12 PD and Grading & Reporting Committees (see attached). The committee reviewed the District Guiding Beliefs & the work being done with staff K-12 to develop a District Mission Statement based on those core beliefs. District professional development and PBE work is focusing on Formative Assessment & Feedback for learning. Teachers at all levels will be working on this work this year.

- Review of Graduation Requirements and update on scoring and reporting district-wide:

The Board reviewed the adopted Graduation Standards in Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies and the Guiding Principles and discussed upcoming K-12 committee work in the areas of Visual & Performing Arts (VPA), World Languages, Health/Physical Education and Career Education. The Committee will have graduation standards to review in these areas later in the year.

An update was given on scoring and reporting K-12. A district-wide committee is continuing work that will result in a change to the Elementary Report Card for the 2018-19 school year. SAHS will be reviewing progress of standards implementation and scoring and will be making adjustments over the course of the year and into the summer. The District has moved the NWEA Assessment to grades K-12 (previously 6-12) as a consistent assessment tool for the District. Several assessments that were previously given will no longer be given resulting in a net gain of time for staff.

#### **4. MDOE Draft Rules for Chapter 134**

The Committee reviewed testimony submitted by MSAD54 in response to the Maine Department of Education's draft rules for Chapter 134 (PBE Graduation Law). Testimony included a focus on three points: The importance of Local Control in implementing the law; the importance of Flexibility for districts; and the need for "common sense" approach. Examples of issues addressed were the arbitrary addition of "Certificate of Completion" by the department, and rules specifying that a student's IEP may not establish that student's benchmark for graduation (every student must meet the exact same standards).

#### **5. Upcoming EPPC Items**

The Committee discussed future topics for the year.

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.