MINUTES – RSU 13 CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 25, 2016 – 3:30 PM

McLain Building, Rockland

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| Committee | Committee & Admin. Liaison | **Committee or Visitors** |
| Loren Andrews, Chair |  | Principal Gifford |
| Susan Allen Thomas |  | Principal Thompson |
| Donald Robishaw | Bruce Johnson, Admin. Liaison |  |
| Carol Bachofner | Neal Guyer, Admin. Liaison |  |
| **Time IN: 3:30 PM** | **Time OUT: 5:00 PM** |  |
| Discussion | | Results / Follow Up |
| Curriculum:   1. Brief update & review of **Schools of Our Future** transition activities via Board approved *Transition Planning Projects:*  * Mid-Level/OMS – Principal Gifford * Secondary/OHS – Principal Thompson  1. Update on recent Maine State DOE NCLB/Title IIA & IA Program Review – N. Guyer | | Presentation given by Renee Thompson, Principal at Oceanside High School – East. Principal Gifford was unable to attend meeting.  **Freshman Academy:** There are five teachers total: Two for Math, one for Social Studies, one Science, and one ELA. Teachers started meeting and planning over February break to establish a philosophy of what the Freshman Academy will look like. They are hoping to create a school within a school. All core subjects will meet in one area of the school. Teachers will have a weekly meeting period to discuss students. This meeting will include an administrator, the guidance department, special education and a social worker. Academy Teachers will meet daily. The Freshman Academy will have an extreme emphasis on communication, with a focus on the social/emotional aspects of the students’ lives.  **Dual Grading:** This concept is strongly supported by many teachers. Instead of having one standard’s based grade, they are exploring the idea of having a traditional grade and a standard grade. There are six committee members and they meet weekly. Teachers were asked to do one unit in dual grading and provide feedback before the workshop day in May. The standards based grades trump the traditional grade.  **Work Beyond Contract:** Teachers have been working on proficiency-based units and would like to continue through the end of June. Renee is asking that they be provided the opportunity to work beyond contract. This was already approved by the Board. |
| Technology:   1. Discussion of strategies for developing policy/procedural guidance for issues related to anticipated MLTI Refresh: B. Johnson  * Identify emerging issues that will need to be addressed * Strategize next steps | | IT Director, Bruce Johnson, was present to discuss emerging issues with the MLTI refresh and to strategize moving forward. He is hoping to change the scope of the “Technology of Our Future” task force to a more philosophical one, as RSU 13 will have much more control over the devices. He requested teacher input to determine what level of restrictions to they would like to see. It was suggested that Bruce and Superintendent McDonald put a team in place to review how teachers should best control the new devices. Also mentioned was professional development for training on new devices. The hope is that they will be able to train staff the two teacher workshop days before school begins (August 24th and 25th), as well as the following Friday (September 2nd). |
| 1. Other/Adjourn:  * Confirm meeting date, time, and agenda focus for May   meeting – to include update & review of Schools of Our Future transition activities at the elementary level. | | Adjourned at 5:00 PM |