

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13  
SCHOOL BOARD  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2011

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| Committee Members Present   | : | S. Carleton, L. Andrews, J. Doubleday     |
| Other Board Members Present | : | R. A. Hohfeld                             |
| Staff Members Present       | : | T. Forti, L. Schooley, N. Guyer           |
| Others Present              | : | none                                      |
| Location                    | : | Superintendent's Office – McLain Building |

I. Call to order:

*This meeting was called to order by Sally Carleton, Curriculum Committee Chair, at 5:35 PM.*

II. Review and discussion of draft Program of Studies for 8-12 Oceanside High School; T. Forti, L. Schooley, N. Guyer:

*A "Rough Draft" of the emerging Oceanside HS Program of Studies (POS), totaling forty nine pages to date, was distributed. The organization of this document was explained and several course sequences were highlighted to exemplify changes in transitioning away from lower level course offerings and the inclusion of additional offerings – inclusive of increased intervention opportunities, enriched electives, accelerated, and advance placement (AP) course offerings. While the basic work of bringing together the POS is on schedule, it is expected that as departmental editing efforts continue and additional information is added, the POS will go through several more iterations before the document is finalized. This work is on-going with subject area meetings and faculty meetings continuing after school hours. This work beyond the contract is being supported via the district's Title IIA grant and formulation of the POS document is being coordinated through the Superintendent's Office.*

*Curriculum Committee members recommended that a special 'school board workshop' be pursued so that a more in-depth presentation could be shared regarding the POS and what it will mean for grade 8-12 students within RSU 13. Chair Carlton will confer with Supt. Lucarelli and Board Chair Hohfeld to further consider this possibility.*

III. Discussion of Maine Coalition For Excellence In Education – 'Prepare Maine Initiative.'

*Committee members reviewed materials and discussed the presentation that was made at the December School Board meeting by Mr. Yellow Light Breen regarding the Maine Coalition For Educational Excellence – 'Prepare Maine Initiative.' Committee members agreed that the Coalition's mission is relevant, well targeted, and complimentary of many of the development initiatives that are currently being pursued within RSU 13. Committee members recommended that a motion be made at a future RSU 13 School Board meeting to formally endorse the Coalition's initiative by becoming a Partner and Supporting Organization. It was noted that doing so would not represent a financial commitment by RSU 13. Chair Carlton will confer with Supt. Lucarelli and Board Chair Hohfeld to further consider the content and timing of this formal action.*

IV. Review of revised format for the RSU 13 Writing Assessment Study and preview of RSU 13 Progress Monitoring Study - N. Guyer:

*Committee members reviewed the new format for reporting district-wide writing assessment results and confirmed that the reporting adjustments have made the document more user-friendly and informative. This new format is posted on the district's website. It was explained that the more detailed data that used to be included in this report is still being made available to principals and faculty for their work in planning instruction.*

*A preview of the Progress Monitoring Study for 2010-2011 was also made available. This study will profile Northwestern Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing results for the beginning, middle, and end of the year in reading, and beginning and end of the year for mathematics in grades 2 – 10. Grade 1 reading results will also be profiled utilizing developmentally appropriate assessments as will end of the year kindergarten reading results. The intent of this study is to keep the ‘spotlight’ on continuous improvement efforts and to develop the capacity for tracking student cohort progress year to year in planning on-going instruction. The initial release of the Progress Monitoring Study will be posted on the district’s website during the week of January 24<sup>th</sup>.*

V. Other/adjourn:

*The Curriculum Committee confirmed its next meeting for Thursday, February 17, 2011, 5:30 PM, McLain Building. This agenda highlights will include updates on:*

- Reading Intervention Program to be implemented at RDMS – READ 180*
- Curriculum Budget Development*
- World Language Programming*
- Determination of an April 2011 meeting date.*

*This meeting was adjourned by Sally Carleton at 7:15 PM.*