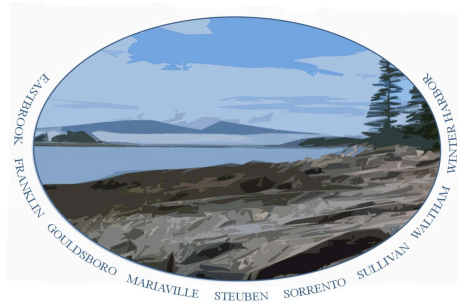


Regional School Unit 24



Educational Programming Committee Minutes

June 15, 2021

5:30pm

Hybrid - In person at Sumner Memorial High School and via Zoom

Board Attendance:

Members: Andrea St. George-Jones, Keith Goldfarb, Janet Wilpan, Jeffrey Alley

Other RSUB Members in Attendance: Mercy Hardison, Roy Gott

Others in Attendance: Nicole Chan, Michael Eastman, Ty Thurlow, Jayme Jones, Fredy Lazo, Sue Leighton, Brenda Jordan

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Jeff Alley and seconded by Andrea St. George-Jones.

Votes in Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Adjustments to Agenda

No adjustments were made to the agenda

Agenda Items

Proficiency-Based Education Update - SMHS PBE Performance Indicators Shifts - Math, Science and English

Nikki introduced Jayme Jones, Assistant Principal at SMHS to give a presentation about recent work and focus on the Standards/Performance Indicators (PI) documents in ELA, Math and Science. She started her presentation outlining the history of the Common Core and the NGSS and discussed that the PI's are the core knowledge that the students will be able to know and do before moving on to the next level in any content area. She then explained that the departments outlined had recently taken a fresh, long look at the PI's that were designated several years ago in the early stages of PBE at Sumner High School. Under her leadership, they reviewed each PI with a focus on Endurance, Leverage, and Readiness, comparing what our lists to current curriculum, tested items and college & career readiness indicators. She then shared a matrix of the sample work, indicating some

changes that she would like to propose be accepted in Math and Science. She noted the ELA document needed further revisions/focus and would come forward at another time. There were no questions from the committee about the changes proposed.

Motion to approve the Science and Math graduation standards was made by Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Jeff Alley.

Votes in Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion passes

Julia Sheehan joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.. All committee members now present.

Social Studies Materials Adoption - Grades 3-5

Nikki gave an overview of the IMPACT Social Studies Materials that a district-wide search committee had chosen and would like to present for adoption starting in Fall of 2021. She noted that a comprehensive committee had developed a rubric indicating quality factors within Social Studies curriculum and instruction, and had reviewed some programs currently on the market. After several meetings and the comprehensive review, IMPACT was the program that rose to the top and was overwhelmingly supported by teachers for use in the RSU #24 classrooms. Nikki noted that in anticipation of an adoption of a program, general budget funds were earmarked for a new Social Studies program so the district could afford to make this purchase as recommended.

Motion to approve the adoption of the IMPACT Social Studies Program for Grades 3-5 as presented was made by Andrea St. George-Jones and seconded by Jeff Alley.

Votes in Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Phonics Program Adoption - Grades K-2

Nikki gave an overview of the FUNdations Phonics Program that a district-wide search committee had chosen and would like to present for adoption starting in Fall of 2021. She noted that a comprehensive committee had developed a rubric indicating quality (research based) factors within Phonics instruction, and had reviewed a variety of programs and instructional techniques currently available. After several meetings and the comprehensive review, FUNdations Phonics was the program that rose to the top and was overwhelmingly supported by teachers for use in the RSU #24 classrooms. Nikki noted that in anticipation of an adoption of a program, general budget funds were earmarked for a new Phonics program so the district could afford to make this purchase as recommended. She also noted that FUNdations works very well with Wit & Wisdom ELA, and the two are marketed together as a very strong foundational component to reading and writing instruction. This is not why the committee chose the program, but it does add a “cherry on top”.

Motion to adopt the FUNdations Phonics Program was made by Jeff Alley and seconded by Andrea St. George-Jones.

Votes in Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- SEL Curriculum
- Proficiency-Based Education Update (Standing Agenda Item)

Next Meeting

August 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. - Sumner Memorial High School

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. was made by Jeff Alley and seconded by Andy St. George-Jones

Votes in Favor: 5 Opposed: Absent: Abstain:

Motion passes