

Regional School Unit 24



Educational Programming Committee Minutes

January 11, 2022, 5:30pm
District Services Facility

Board Attendance:

Committee Members: Janet Wilpan, Keith Goldfarb, Jeff Alley, Julia Sheehan
Others in Attendance: Nikki Chan, Michael Eastman, Ander Thebaud

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Adjustments to Agenda

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

Approval of Past Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting was made by Jeff Alley and seconded by Keith Goldfarb.

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

Motion passes

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting was made by Jeff Alley and seconded by Keith Goldfarb.

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

Motion passes

Agenda Items

Teaching Substitutes in RSU 24

Nikki Chan stated that this is a topic that stemmed from a past meeting in regards to the substitute shortage in our district and to see what RSU 24 could be doing to have a more proactive approach. She then introduced Ander Thebaud from our Adult Education Center to share the Substitute Program they offer.

Ander shared that the Adult Ed Center implemented a course three years ago with the intent of aligning the training to our district. She shared how

the course was created with various staff members, gave examples of the topics covered and that the course is primarily an in-person course but has been taught on zoom. She then went on to tell how they had created a Google Classroom this year that has additional training and helpful information. It was then stated that the biggest challenge still was finding people. A discussion was then held on the number of substitutes hired after taking the course, was there a way to track this, could we offer a full-time permanent position for just a substitute teacher and send where needed. Further discussions were then had on the many benefits of a permanent substitute teacher position. Suggestion made about working it into next year's budget.

Fall NWEA Data

Nikki presented and reviewed the NWEA Math and Reading data from the Fall and Spring of 2020 and the Fall of 2021. She compared totals of one school and showed the growth at CHS even through the pandemic. She stated the math scores were good but the reading had slipped.

A discussion was held on the difficulties of teaching vocabulary with a mask and over the computer, do the benchmarks change each year or are they fixed for a period of time. There was also talk of how some schools have other data that shows the students can meet the proficiency scores so maybe emphasize more on helping the students navigate the test better.

Next Nikki reviewed the positive growth at each school and said that the leadership team is continuing to look at every level and have implemented programs that will continue to help us improve.

Proficiency-Based Education Update

Nikki reported that the leadership team is continuing to work and find ways to support the new staff members with our PBE system, foundation models, and their inexperience so that our kids still get a strong core knowledge.

Identification of Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Proficiency-Based Education Update (Standing Agenda Item)

Next Meeting

February 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. - District Services Facility

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. was made by Jeff Alley and seconded by Keith Goldfarb.

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

Motion passes