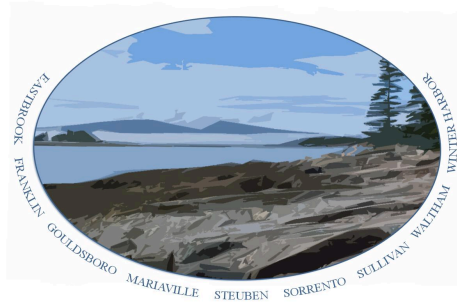


Regional School Unit 24



Educational Programming Committee Agenda

August 9, 2022

5:30pm - DSF Office

Zoom: <https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/85941680110>

Board Attendance:

Members: Janet Wilpan, Keith Goldfarb, Vern Campbell, Julia Sheehan

Others in Attendance: Nikki Chan, Michael Eastman, JT Green

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

Adjustments to Agenda

There were two adjustments made to the agenda as follows:

1. Add Nomination and voting for Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-2023
2. Add French Textbook after Spanish Textbook

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion to elect Janet Wilpan as chair was made by Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Vern Campbell.

Votes in Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 1

Motion passes

Motion to elect Vern Campbell as vice chair was made by Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Julia Sheehan.

Votes in Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 1

Motion passes

Approval of Past Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes from the June 14,, 2022 committee meeting was made by Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Vern Campbell

Votes in Favor: 2 Opposed: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 2

Motion passes

Agenda

Economics Textbook

Nikki Chan, reminded the committee that an Economics course at the High School level was approved in May. Here, she was bringing the e-textbook through TCI to be approved by the committee. All of the other HS Social Studies courses also use TCI programs as well. In this program, Econ Alive! The Power to Choose, Nikki shared how the units vertically align within our scope & sequence, and discussed a few other unit details. To close, Nikki noted that funds for this purchase were included in the FY 23 budget.

Motion to approve the Econ Alive! program was made by Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Vern Campbell.

Votes in Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Spanish and French Textbooks

Nikki talked about both of these agenda items together. The need for both of these texts came about when staff from the World Language department came forward and asked for a program for both French and Spanish/advocated for textbooks. Staff now understand that having a program/textbook is a great tool to help meet the standards in a cohesive manner. Both of these programs provide a rich resource to utilize in the French or Spanish classroom at all levels (1-4), and will help raise the rigor of instruction. Nikki noted that there were funds available in the FY 23 budget for the French program, and that COVID funds could be used (enrichment) for the Spanish purchase. The title of these programs are Bien dit! and !Avancemos!, both published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

The committee then had questions in regards to student interest and the numbers for each course.

Motion to accept both Bien dit! and !Avancemos! was made by Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Vern Campbell.

Votes in Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Preschool Overview

Nikki explained how this had been on a past agenda but was bumped due to other items but she was very excited to share details about how RSU 24 is now offering Pre-K in all of our schools. Nikki gave a little background on the Pre-K program, how we applied for a state Pre-K grant in October last year and in November we received word that we were the receivers of the competitive grant. This allowed for planning and preparation for a new program at each of our elementary schools. Through this work, we have partnered with Downeast Community Partners to best serve all students, including Head Start students in our communities. To date, the district has hired four strong teachers at all of our schools. Downeast Community Partners is also financing 3 Ed Techs for the programs. Nikki discussed student

numbers, as well as developmental philosophies for the educational programming within the PreK classroom. She shared she was confident this opportunity would give the students a strong foundation and readiness for Kindergarten and help them meet the Pre-K standards for the state of Maine.

A discussion was then had on budget concerns, the students attending specials - Music, P.E. and Art, - they will, but the period would not be as long as K-5. Excitement was expressed on the grant we received.

Nikki then gave special thanks to Michael Eastman, Janet Jordan, and Sue Leighton who were instrumental in working with her to develop the program, prepare the space, and the screening of the kids with special needs.

Identification of Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- PhD Science

Next Meeting

September 13 at 6:30 PM - District Services Facility

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. was made by Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Vern Campbell.

Votes in Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0

Motion passes