RSU #10 Curriculum Committee–Allison's notes
November 18th, 2026 @ 4:00PM
Central Office Conference Room

Members of the Curriculum Committee: Carol Daigle, Allison Long, Darcy Klein, Veronica Knox

Committee members present: Allison Long, Bonnie Knox, Darcy Klein

Other staff/community members present: Adelaide Solomon-Jordan, Matt Gilbert, Chris Brennick, Diana Charest, Jaime Ela

1. Updates on the curriculum review process for each area (we'll look at the timeline that was shared at the last meeting):
    a. Secondary math and ELA: BJSHS meeting (Eng and Math) Dec. 9th; Jaime will bring data and get info on other data points, look at materials, and discuss needs. Then they'll talk about what the next parts are. When she met with MVHS they seemed happy; not a lot to buy so she wants to get through this process to make sure we cover budget stuff. Looked at actual curriculum guides; followed up with Tom to reserve LAW time to do curriculum work. Double meetings for these since they don't use the same curriculum.
    b. K-12 Science: Only K-12 committee we have, also is districtwide. Not tons of interest but Jaime will try again; wants to include everyone across district. Zoom meetings. Last year, Discovery Ed for middle school science; with the budget process last year it was cut. Most teachers were okay with it but two new teachers had nothing to fall back on so they purchased Discovery Ed for those teachers. Bonnie: How can we prevent this happening again? Expectations that curriculum that is individually made/not from a purchased program is written out explicitly so that it can be duplicated. Bonnie: Should we make a policy that originally created curriculum and materials need to be passed on/shared/stored/ organized? Something is needed for middle school science, if it's not Discovery Ed then something else. Mystery Science K-5; we may renew that if the consensus is that it's working well.
    c. Visual and Performing Arts: Piecemeal because it's a lot of different subjects. Lots of different conversations because one single meeting wouldn't make a ton of sense. Jaime doesn't anticipate any big budget asks from this.
    d. World Languages: Jaime talked with David Knightly; he is happy with what he has for curriculum. Not something that's subscription based; we own it.
    e. Into Reading for K-5 at the community school was funded with a grant and it runs out this year. We have a lot of credits that we need to use by the end of this month; plan has been made to use them and the coaches think it will get us through next year BUT there will likely be some cost.

2. Change in the state test for the 27-28 school year

a. Two different scores we get for this test; just getting used to NWEA and they got a notice that it's changing. Math and reading are all transitioning to the Meridian. Science is still the Meridian but transitioning to new testing software. No training for admin yet because appeals are being heard. This won't be effective until next year. Jaime will forward the priority notices on this.

3. Upcoming NWEA assessment window (Jan-Feb): Winter isn't required by the state but used as a midyear check-in. Jan 4-Feb 12. At MVCS, Jess Sirois oversees all of the NWEA testing and did a great job sharing data at LAWs. Lots of checking of accommodations; IEPs reviewed and matched with what is uploaded to the test. Making sure kids get the support that they need to take the assessment. WIDA/Access test will be administered soon (for multilingual students); we have six students right now. Marie Lane is new to the ESOL job and doing great; double checking compliance etc.

4. Teachers requesting to work on SS curriculum- plan to start this in early 2027: We don't have a 3-5 curriculum guide for SS; discovered when a teacher was looking for it. Jaime pulled resources from the MOOSE, some things from Maine Memory Network, different lessons etc. and shared with admin/Matt. Not the way we want to adopt curriculum but needed something for now. No one spends enough time on SS at the elementary level either (nationwide). Eighth grade teacher reached out to ask why middle school SS curriculum is ordered the way it is; had many suggestions and ideas. Jaime will talk with her after the holidays but won't add to the five we are reviewing this year.

5. AI support for 3-8 students through Gates Foundation (Stanford and Cornell created): Jaime got an email from Third Space Learning/Gates Foundation and did a Zoom to learn more. "Skye" the ghost asks questions about their math answers, they can engage with it, etc. Some interested teachers then also met with the rep. and there are two fifth grade teachers interested in piloting. They will continue to learn more. Not a curriculum, an intervention/enrichment tool. Pilot would start in January and Gates would fund the first year. No budget impact this year. Wouldn't be a wide thing anyway; just certain teachers who are interested would use it. Darcy: Is this program gathering biometric data? Jaime: No, he shared with them that it's just name and grade level.

6. Science of Reading conference at UMaine: Title 2A funds support our Title I goals, so we were able to bring Jaime and eight teachers from Rumford and three from HSES to this conference. This morning at LAW at MVCS they all shared the takeaways from the conference. MVCS has done a great job this year sharing out about conference experiences.

7. Other PD: Apple is doing training with us that comes with our iPads. Went well at MVCS; feedback said that some permissions needed to be tweaked. Excellent attendance (this one was on Zoom) We have eight hours total, one school gets an hour each in spring and fall. This training focused on the iPads and the middle school transition to iPads. BJSHS did the same training. MVCS will do the training early December, probably on

accessibility. Each school chooses what they want their topic to be. HSES did a virtual reality/lesson expansion one. Apple trainer will be back on the workshop day next.

8. Jaime meeting tomorrow with HSES's intervention team; will talk about budget. Feedback from MVCS coaches' meeting this morning was that there are a lot of new things, some they're not sure if they're being used formatively (can't be used summatively because it's not norm-referenced) enough to justify cost going up next year. Magma Math, Amira (part of Into Reading); middle school ST Math and St Reading. Some are universal screeners, some are intervention tools.
9. We have used the NWEA for 15ish years and now switching–admin team is working with NWEA on the assessment plan going forward; what assessments we use, how we use them, etc. Will probably pare down some but ask if we want to maintain NWEA. Meridian was not great for science in the first couple years; data took forever, feedback was poor, not enough layers to drill down on instruction.
10. Matt: We need to develop our philosophy as a district for how we use technology in instruction; need to fold in AI as well. We don't have anything on the books that addresses use of tech in instruction. Yarmouth does a good job of this; MDI had someone write a book on it.

Next meeting: January 20, 4:00pm, Buckfield Junior Senior High School