RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
Minutes
May 10, 2022
6:00PM
Skowhegan Area High School - Library

Attendance: Sarah Bunker - Chair, Jeannie Conley- Vice Chair, Amy Rouse, Mike Lambke, Samantha Delorie, Lynda Quinn

Also in Attendance: Jon Moody, Mark Hatch, Bruce Mochamer, Dominic LaFlamme, Jennifer Boudreau, MaryJane Pelletier, Erin Madore, Barb Welch, Jaime Jones,

1. Nomination/Election of Vice Chair

Jeannie Conley was elected as the VIce Chair of the committee.

2. Presentation on eSports/Gaming Club

Dominic LaFlamme and Jennifer Boudreau shared the history of the eSports Gaming Club at Skowhegan Area High School SAHS. They shared that ESports programs is a fast-growing activity at the high school and college levels. The intramural club at SAHS has met weekly over the course of the year. Kids are playing games that are appropriate for a school-club; the Maine Principals Association has supported eSports state-wide with games like Rocket League and Mario Cart. Although SAHS students are not yet competing with other schools, they hope to do so in the future. In addition to competition, the club has worked with the REACH after school program to engage younger students and share their passion for gaming.

3. <u>Presentation on Reading Recovery Program</u>

MaryJane Pelletier and Erin Madore shared information about the district's Title 1 program. They explained that the TItle 1 program supports student learning in reading writing and math, and is a tiered intervention for students who are struggling in the classroom. Interventions occur both in and out of the classroom and both individually and in small groups. The presenters discussed interventions and the success they see students making as a result of those interventions.

4. Presentation of updated District Certification Handbook

Jaime Jones and Barb Welch updated the committee on changes to the district certification handbook. Adjustments were made to provide clarity and to remove outdated information.

5. Review Policy Sample/Draft Policy BED – Remote Participation in School Board meetings

The committee reviewed the Sample Draft Policy BED. The committee asked questions and Mr. Moody and Mr. Hatch answered them. The committee wanted to investigate options including wording that may allow an individual board member to be in a meeting remotely due to a health condition. The committee will revisit language considerations for policy BED at their next meeting.

6. Report from Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent

The assistant superintendent shared that the committee would be reviewing a draft procedure at the next meeting that addresses the administration of Naloxone to students, staff and visitors on school grounds.

The Committee will meet again on June 14, 2022.