# **REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40**

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## Curriculum Committee Meeting Thursday, September 20, 2018 Friendship Village School 5:30 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Sara Andrews, Errol Silvestri, Emily Trask-Eaton, Bob Williams and Melvin Williams

**Ex-Officio Members:** Danny Jackson/Board Chair, Steve Nolan/Superintendent, Christina Wotton/Director of Instruction and Linda Pease/Principal Medomak Valley High School

## Minutes

## I. Opening

- A. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Declaration of Quorum
- C. Absences: excused absence- Emily Trask-Eaton
- D. Elect Committee Chair
  - 1. Bob Williams nominated Errol Silvestri as Chairman. Errol Silvestri was elected as Chairman.
- E. Approve Minutes
  - 1. May 17, 2018 minutes will be retrieved by Bob Williams and will be approved at the next meeting.

#### II. Action Items

#### III. Other Items

- A. Christina Wotton, Director of Instruction, presented each member with a binder including monthly dividers to hold materials for the 2018-2019 curriculum committee meetings.
  - 1. Discussion of RSU 40 Comprehensive Plan Goal 1
  - 2. Understanding by Design Framework
    - a) Christina discussed the materials she provided outlining the Understanding by Design framework which has been adopted by RSU 40. Understanding by Design offers a planning process and structure to guide curriculum, assessment, instruction and interventions.
- b. RSU 40 Professional Learning Communities
  - i. Christina reviewed RSU 40's Professional Learning Communities document which is being used as a resource for our PLC teams this year.

- **IV.** Topics for the year
  - a. The committee discussed topics for the year. It was decided to defer to the Director of Instruction to present a list of topics for upcoming meetings at our October meeting.
- V. Committee meeting dates/times
  - a. The committee discussed the frequency and length of future meetings. The committee decided to continue the discussion at its next meeting.
- VI. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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