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Curriculum Committee Minutes Tuesday, January 5, 2016 5:00 PM Medomak Middle School

Committee Members: Guy Bourrie, Tod Brown, Dorothy Robinson, Errol Silvestri, Tara Wellman, Bob Williams

Ex-officio Members: Danny Jackson/Board Chair, Steve Nolan/Superintendent, Kimberly Schroeter/Director of Instruction, Linda Pease/Assistant Principal MVHS

Guest: Kelley Splaine/RSU 40 Literacy Coach

I. Agenda Topics:

- I. Opening
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Declaration of Quorum- All member present
 - C. Absence: None
 - D. Adjustment to agenda - Overview of changes in State Education Statutes/ Federal Law
 - E. Approve Minutes - Minutes approved ,one abstention

II. Action Items:

- A. Discuss Maine Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (MPCL)
- B. Discuss future professional development needs
 - A. Kim discussed an overview items under review;
 - 1. State Standards
 - 2. State Assessment i.e revaluation Needs Outcome Proficiency Based Diploma
 - 3. Staff reviewing New Federal Laws
 - 4. Teacher effectiveness
 - B. Kim discussed and reviewed the Maine Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy. This program is run by the University of Maine. The partnership outlines a K-12 model for Continuous School Improvement. Kim mentioned the Ten Features of the Partnerships in the Comprehensive Literacy Model.

C. Kim shared a handout titled “UbD in a Nutshell (Understanding by Design).

Kim shared the basic tenants of the outline:

- 1) Stage 1: Desired Results
- 2) Stage 2: Evidence
- 3) Stage 3. Learning Plan

D. Kim also shared an article by Jay McTighe and Grant Wiggins titled “From Common Core to Core to Curriculum: Five Big Ideas”.

- 1) Big Idea #1 The common core standards have a new emphasis and require a careful reading
- 2) Big Idea #2 Standards and not curriculum
- 3) Big Idea #3 Standards need to be “unpacked”
- 4) Big Idea #4 A coherent curriculum is mapped backwards from the desired performances.
- 5) Big Idea #5 The Standards come to life through the assessments.

III. Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

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