

Education Committee Minutes
February 7, 2017
Nokomis Library

Committee Members Present: Ken Sands, Paul Carter, Susie Hopkins, Robin McNeil, Winn Price, Chad Stratton

Members Absent: Samantha Brown (excused), Don Mendell

Others Present: Mike Hammer, Sherri Gould, Don Roux, Jane Stork, Kasie Giallombardo, Anne Carney, Jon Smith, Kelly Burns, Chris Randall

I. **Public Comment** – none

II. **Social Studies Report** - Kasie Gaillombardo, the subject area leader for Social Studies, reported out on the standards for K-12. The standards are based on National Standards and the Maine Learning Results, and their identification will also help bring consistency across the district middle schools as well. The standards fall into three areas that become more complex as the students progress through the grades:

- (1) Process and Skills in Social Studies - focusing on research and understanding;
- (2) Enduring Themes and Systems - examining and making decisions on key themes; and
- (3) Role of the Citizen - key governmental functions and citizenship.

She also discussed how standards are broken down into performance indicators, more specific areas of learning like economics, geography, historic figures, etc. She brought a unit design template and an assessment which when put together develop a deeper, longer lasting, understanding of the content.

III. **Coaching Update** - Kelly Burns, Jon Smith, and Anne Carney provided a coaching update including a video of Jon's instruction. They discussed the work that has taken place across the district and the transition from a teacher-centered model to a facilitative model of instruction. Our teachers are using a workshop model including guided practice, reciprocal teaching, and explicit instruction. When used together, these techniques lead to deeper learning as was evident in the purposeful curriculum work that Kasie and Jon see being done with Social Studies. With our coaches, teachers reflect more on their in-class skills and practice techniques, with the coach providing support and instruction going along with the content.

- IV. **Discussion** of the night's topics will take place next meeting due to the inclement weather cutting the meeting short.
- V. **Other** – None
- VI. Next Agenda
(1) Math – SALs for March meeting
- VII. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Hammer
Superintendent of Schools