

Education Committee Minutes

April 4, 2017
Nokomis Library

Committee Members Present: Ken Sands, Susie Hopkins, Robin McNeil, Don Mendell, Chad Stratton

Members Absent: Samantha Brown, Paul Carter, Winn Price (excused)

Others Present: Mike Hammer, Sherri Gould, Angela Brown, Ellen Surprenant, Jane Stork, Lori Merrow

I. Public Comment

The administrators indicated that testing is almost complete. It has gone better this year, better connectivity. Unfortunately we get the data too late to use in in the year the students take the test.

Our jazz and show choruses did well at States. "Vision" and Show Chorus won Silver awards and Outstanding Musicianship Awards went to Ethan Wiers and Lisa Herrick. Nokomis won an Honorable Mention with "Perception".

II. Math Curriculum Work

Math Curriculum update was postponed due to the weather and the meeting was abbreviated due to the same. We will have the update in May.

III. Great Schools Partnership – Jean Haeger

Jean Haegar described her history working with the district and led the Committee through a few document reviews. She started with the second edition of "Global Best Practices" a rubric that has scoring criteria for high performing educational organizations. Secondly, we reviewed our Committee system and "School Board Member Ethics". This review helped the Committee refine its focus. The result led to a recommendation to hold this exercise with the full board at a "retreat" when all new Board members are seated and before we begin a new school year. Our hope is to have it in early August with a barbeque or social event to get to know one another better.

IV. Other – None

- V. Items for Next Agenda - Budget items that impact the education committee, standards that we use for our content area instruction (Maine Learning Results, National Science Standards. Etc.), Testing update, and a rubric Don Mendell wanted to discuss on Cardinal Virtues as it relates to instructional material.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hammer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Hammer
Superintendent of Schools