

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458-1197

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

October 28, 2015

SAU Offices

5:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

Crista Salamy – Chair, Linda Quintanilha, Fiona Tibbetts, Rich Cahoon, Gary Backstrom

Present: Crista Salamy (5:19 p.m.)

Others: Kimberly Saunders, Richard Dunning, Jerome Wilson, Myron Steere, Brian Pickering

Kimberly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of October 21, 2015 Minutes

Tabled.

2. Curriculum Renewal

Kimberly Saunders reviewed the Curriculum Renewal Cycle handout. The attempt is to even out the dollars for balancing the budget.

Based on capacity, Kimberly would like to move the Program Review (PR) for LA K-5 to the fall of 2016. This is based on the intensity of the OGAP rollout. Through savings and grant dollars, some K-5 adoption was able to take place. This will go to the board for their approval.

3. Unified Sports; Sports & Clubs Status – Mark Swasey

Brian Pickering reported that unified basketball is heading into its third year with unified soccer in its second. The elimination of Freshmen Sports at ConVal is proposed with increased programming at the middle school. Reinvestment in volleyball and golf at the middle school level was asked. The net savings, after the elimination of freshmen sports and the additions proposed, results in a savings of \$3,000 to the District.

Mr. Pickering said that this helps support our youth programs, it is fiscally responsible and offers new opportunities. Volleyball has proven to be sustainable at the middle school level. Mr. Pickering said that this makes sense to him. He said that the question that might arise is “is volleyball a new sport for us or new level”.

Discussion took place about 8-10 students playing golf at a cost of \$8,500.

Brian Pickering spoke about the potential to hold a specific amount of money for the potential of a “freshmen team” such as was necessary for field hockey in recent years.

Brian Pickering said that he would love for athletics to follow co-curricular activities where he would budget a specific amount of money to use as he feels is best.

Richard Dunning asked what would happen in the event that a team didn’t form and there was money sitting on the table. Discussion took place. Mr. Dunning said that a procedure is needed in place.

Crista Salamy said that this will be shared at the next board meeting and back to the Education Committee for further discussion.

4. Class Size, Policy IIB

Richard Dunning noted that this policy talks about the upper end but it does not reference the smaller end. When is small too small? Mr. Dunning suggested adding a column that references a specific number, twelve for example, as a guide for the smaller side. When a class size is twelve or below it might inform that classes may be combined. Mr. Dunning said that when a first grade class results in seven students he does not feel that it is the best environment for a good education.

Discussion took place about what number might be the cap for a multi-grade classroom. If the number of a multi-grade class exceeded the class recommendation size, a paraprofessional could be requested.

Policy Committee is looking for direction from the Education Committee on this policy.

Kimberly Saunders agreed to do research on this topic and return with information at the November 7th Budget Workshop and email it to the Education Committee by November 4th.

Next meeting: November 18th @ 5:00 p.m. at the SAU Office.

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok