

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 17, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Location:

Topic: Education Committee Time: Sep 17, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Minutes

Committee Members:

Richard Dunning, Niki McGettigan (Chair), Linda Quintanilha, Stephen Ullman, and Jerome Wilson

Present: Niki McGettigan, Stephan Ullman, Jerry Wilson, Dick Dunning, Kevin Pobst, Dr. Ann Forrest

Niki McGettigan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

5:00 Approval of June 25, 2020 Minutes

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2020. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.

5:10 Identify primary focus areas for the 2020-21 Education Committee meeting agendas.

- Review action steps from the district's Strategic Plan with deadlines that fall during the 2020-2021 school year.

Ann Forrest said that historically, the Education Committee meeting agendas were created month to month. Athletic fee discussion came up and took over three meetings which threw the schedule off. From there, agenda items were developed and scheduled onto agendas. As other things came up, decisions on whether or not that discussion could be taken on was made.

A table titled “Potential Agenda Items” was shared with the committee. If there is something absent from the list that a committee member wants to see, please make note.

Will critical thinking information be shared with the committee and placed on an agenda? It could, if the committee feels it is important for further discussion.

We are planning future agenda items for Education Committee meetings.

What is the goal of 1.1.7 – Identify competencies for each level, grade, and subject area that meet or exceed NH DOE standards? The response was that, at the time the Strategic Plan was put together, competencies were a hot topic. This is related to that.

Dick Dunning said that only things that are already in the works, and do not require a new initiative, should be asked of teachers. We should put new items on hold for this year.

Some of the items on the table could be shared with the committee so they could hear more about what has been done to date.

- Review the district’s Curriculum Renewal Cycle.

We have a multiple year Curriculum Renewal Cycle that is reviewed annually. The cycle and process for evaluating digital resources for privacy and quality is important.

We have *Learned Platform*, which is a library of our resources.

Niki McGettigan said that she would love to hear the about platforms that are being used for digital resources; at least some of the basics that are being used when under remote. It will provide a perspective of what the teachers are using.

Kevin Pobst asked if this committee could review the successes, challenges, and gaps in remote learning from last spring, as well as ongoing remote learning.

Ann Forrest said that when we go remote, one of the biggest challenges is engaging students. It is very much a focus that is tied to digital resources.

To date, the district has focused on making sure teachers are using resources that are compliant in terms of privacy.

With remote learning, are there set programs for various subjects? There are set programs but people are looking for digital resources that help with the delivery.

Ann Forrest shared the resources entered into *Learned Platform*. The first thing that takes place is a review for compliance and privacy.

“Under Review” is just for compliance. If it doesn’t meet that threshold, it is denied. The second step is looking at the quality.

An example of a resource that is not compliant was touched on.

- Review other considerations and requests.
For the next meeting, Ann will plot items on the table out. In addition, Health/PE and School Counseling have conducted their review. It needs to go before the board.

5:45 Other

NWEA testing, to compare past results to current results, was discussed.

Education Committee meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month. More can be scheduled if needed.

Ann Forrest said that the summer series (professional development) was recorded. Committee members could access some of those to learn more about what is taking place.

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok