REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2011

Committee Members Present	:	S. Carleton, C. Bachofner, L. Andrews, G. Emery, E. Schenk
Other Board Members Present	:	none
Staff Members Present	:	N. Guyer
Others Present	:	none
Location	:	Superintendent's Office – McLain Building

I. Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Sally Carleton, Curriculum Committee Chair, at 5:35 PM.

II. Review of highlighted curriculum projects – summer of 2011 & presentation of the RSU 13 Professional Development/Assessment Calendar:

The RSU 13 Professional Development Assessment Calendar (Last updated Aug. 22, 2011) was distributed to all members present. This document contains information regarding professional development and curriculum initiatives that were pursued over the summer months. These activities were profiled and discussed, highlighting elements that will continue as premier initiatives throughout the school year.

Beyond the summer 2011 activities that were presented, the extended calendar was also reviewed in detail so that committee members could become acquainted with the scope of assessment periods and on-going professional development that will occur during K-7 trimesters and grade 8-12 academic quarters. It was explained that the calendar is updated periodically as dates are confirmed or new activities are added to the schedule. The present calendar does not yet contain dates for the RDMS Literacy initiative with Dr. Candice Bray, team training to support common planning time, and other employee training services yet to be determined. The calendar is maintained on the district's web site under the Central Office/Assessment banner.

III. Discussion of highlighted committee goals for 2011-2012:

*Committee members discussed potential goal areas for 2011-2012. This discussion centered upon the general goal of continuing to move toward **'parity of learning opportunities within all schools of RSU 13.'** While committee members agreed that this is a worthy goal to consider, it also acknowledged that this demands further and deeper deliberation. It was noted that flexibility may be needed in how resources are utilized and services delivered based upon the unique developmental needs or priorities of individual schools. Committee members agreed that continuing this discussion and further consideration of goals will be the focus of the next Curriculum Committee meeting that will occur on September 15th.*

*The Curriculum Committee did coalesce in agreement for a specific goal related to expanding the elementary world language program; "**The Curriculum Committee will research and develop an implementation plan to extend world language programming to all schools in RSU 13 for grades K-7 in 2012/2013. This plan will consider the full range of coordinated curriculum and learning services for all schools, and will detail financial implications to be considered within the 2012/2013 budget planning process.**"*

As noted, additional committee goals for 2011/2012 will be discussed at the September 15th Curriculum Committee meeting.

IV.   Other/Adjourn:

The Curriculum Committee confirmed its next meeting will occur in September 15, 2011. At that time the committee will continue deliberations regarding Curriculum Committee goals for 2011-2012. In addition, committee members will identify highlighted areas for presentation and review in planning for future monthly meetings. The following topics have been suggested for consideration:

Potential Curriculum Committee Topics for 2011-2012:

Alternative Education – Mid Level & High School & update on gifted & talented programming

Herring Gut Learning Center (HGLC) collaboration

Interdisciplinary Course Development – HGLC & MCST/Many Flags

Oceanside High School – Program Evaluation Plan, adoption of the College Work Readiness Assessment (CWRA), new syllabus template, writing guide, etc.

Review of band programs

Review of RSU 13 Math Audit & resulting administrative recommendations

Learning targets K-7 for English Language Arts & Mathematics

Articulating a developmental sequence for 'Habbits of Work" - K through graduation

Beginning program review & learning target development in Science

Comprehensive Intervention Model for Maine (CIMME) data system, Response to Intervention (RTI), and Literacy Planning – emerging standards of practice

Review of assessment data via RSU 13 web site (Central Office Banner – Assessment)

School-based reports and professional development updates (South School/Literacy Partnership, team training initiatives to support common planning time, Rockland District Middle School/Station Maine, other.)

Restorative Discipline pilots

World Language Program Development

Implementation of 'common planning time' – implications for curriculum, assessment, & instruction

Other ………….

This meeting was adjourned by Sally Carleton at 7:00 PM.