

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 10, 2103**

Committee Members Present : S. Carleton, G. Emery  
Other Board Members Present : none  
Staff Members Present : L. Schooley, T. Forti, N. Guyer  
Others Present : none  
Location : Superintendent's Office – McLain Building

I. Call to order:

*This meeting was called to order by the Curriculum Committee Chair, Sally Carleton, at 5:05 PM.*

II. Report out on OHS Bridge Course pilots that occurred during the 2012-2013 school year – Principals Forti and Schooley:

*Principals Forti and Schooley reminded committee members that Bridge Courses are structured to provide additional support and targeted instruction for students who are under-performing academically or have skill gaps that are impeding their ability to progress as successfully as possible. Students may not self-select Bridge Courses as a 'less rigorous' option within their course of study, but may be assigned to a Bridge Course based upon NWEA scores, teacher recommendation, and past performance. 169 students between OHS-E & OHS-W participated in bridge courses with a successful completion rate of 82%. Additionally between 20-22% of students were able to transition to college prep courses beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year. Experiences gained with the pilot year have also resulted in:*

- *Noted gains in students written language achievement via the RSU 13 Writing Assessment*
- *A deeper understanding for teachers of the instructional implications within a proficiency-based environment*
- *The opportunity for students to join a Bridge Course for the purpose of recovering learning standards for course completion without having to re-take an entire course*
- *The opportunity for instructional looping for students taking a Bridge Course for a second year.*

*Nine OHS Bridge Courses will be offered this school year. Principals Forti and Schooley noted that data will continue to be gathered to monitor Bridge Course efficacy including the extent to which Bridge Course students are able to meet or exceed their NWEA growth targets from the spring of 2013 to the spring of 2014.*

III. Highlights of data and information to be included in the fall release of the OHS Evaluation Plan – Principals Schooley & Forti & N. Guyer:

*Committee members learned that data is still being gathered for the fall 2013 release of the OHS Evaluation Plan, but the following highlights were reviewed and discussed:*

- *The spring 2013 student feedback survey documented a slight fall-off of positive results from the fall 2012 survey administration. Principals Forti and Schooley believe that the timing of the spring 2013 survey was problematic and are working to establish a more favorable survey schedule for this school year.*
- *OHS-E began 2012-2013 with 162 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and graduated 153. 4 students moved or transferred during the year. Of the 153 students graduating 94 or 61% entered a post-secondary program.*
- *PSAT assessment at grade 10 indicated that 32% of students were 'on-track' to be college ready – up from 10.4% in 2011-2012.*
- *71% of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students retaking the SAT were 'on-track' to be college ready.*
- *80% of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students earned between 6-8 credits – up from 74% the previous year.*

*The OHS Evaluation will be updated on each campuses website when data collection and analysis is completed.*

IV. Updates regarding Proficiency-Based Learning Initiative – N. Guyer:

*Time did not permit presentation or discussion within this topic. This agenda item will be held over to the October Curriculum Committee meeting. Carissa Veit, RSU 13 Proficiency-Based Project Manager, will attend that meeting to provide over-views and project updates.*

V. Overview of topics for future meetings – N. Guyer:

*Time did not permit presentation or discussion within this topic. This agenda item will be held over to the October Curriculum Committee meeting.*

VI. Other/Adjourn:

*At the request of RSU 13 Board member, Loren Andrews, the committee agreed to begin future Curriculum Committee meetings at 5:30 PM.*

*The Committee confirmed that it will meet again on October 8, 2013 at 5:30 PM. The bulk of the agenda will be devoted to the RSU 13 Proficiency-Based Learning Initiative.*

*This meeting was adjourned by the Curriculum Committee Chair, Sally Carleton at 6:25 PM.*