

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
September 12, 2023
6:00 PM
Skowhegan Area High School –Library

Committee Attendance: Karyn Curran - Chair, Samantha Delorie – Vice Chair, Sarah Bunker, Annmarie Dubois, Janice Malek, Amy Rouse, Michelle Taylor, Lynda Quinn

Also Present: Jon Moody, Mark Hatch, Jason Bellerose, Valerie McNamara

1. Reorganization/Set Future Committee Meeting Dates

The Committee met and elected Karyn Curran as Chair and Samantha Delorie as Vice Chair. The Committee set the number for a quorum to 5. Next Committee meeting will be October 10th.

2. Presentation on Implementation of Aspire Program

Valerie McNamara provided the committee with an overview of the Aspire River Hawks initiative. The Aspire River Hawks initiative is a 5-year collaboration grant between MELMAC, JMG and MSAD 54 with a focus on raising aspirations of students Pre-K-12. Last year’s planning year included programs and activities that ran from January through June at all grade levels. Aspire programming focuses on getting students to “imagine the possibilities” in grades Pre-K-5, “investigate their interests” as they move through the middle school grades to “initiate their plans” at the high school level to help support them in reaching their post-secondary goals.

3. Review policy IC – School Calendar

The Committee reviewed policy IC.

4. Review Policy ID – School Day

The Committee reviewed policy ID.

5. First Review of Policy IJOA – Field Trips & Excursions

The Committee reviewed and discussed the field trip policy and provided feedback on language. Draft changes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. First Review of Policy IKFA – Early Graduation

The Committee reviewed current policy and drafted adjusted language to allow graduating juniors to be included in the senior photo section of the yearbook and be eligible for privileges, recognitions, and honor cords. The Committee will review this policy further at future meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and adopt draft Policy IKFA – Early Graduation, as written.

Future Meeting Dates: October 10th, November 14th, December 12th, January 9th, February 6th, March 12th, April 9th, May 7th, June 11th