

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
October 11, 2022
6:00 PM
Skowhegan Area High School –Library

Committee Attendance: Sarah Bunker, Jeannie Conley, Amy Rouse, Mike Lambke, Peggy Lovejoy, Lynda Quinn,

Also Present: Jonathan Moody, Mark Hatch, Danielle Denis

1. Student Presentation on Gateway to Opportunity

Danielle Denis spoke to the committee representing a youth centered group sponsored through Somerset Public Health, Somerset Career & Technical Center and Maine Youth Action Network. The group’s goal is to identify problems in our community that effect youth and come up with solutions to those problems. The students discussed the need for mental health first aid training for staff in schools and expressed the desire for students to have greater voice in their schools through the use of an advisory board or positions on groups like the school board.

2. Review Revised Policies AC, ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB, ACAB-R

The committee reviewed the changes made to policies AC, ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB, and ACAB-R. The changes are all based on an amendment to the Maine Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on hair texture or hairstyle. Mr. Hatch shared the MSMA September Policy Development News which contained an article explaining the need for the changes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt policies AC, ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB and ACAB-R

3. Naming of New Elementary School

The committee reviewed the suggestions for the naming of the new elementary school which will be constructed in Skowhegan. Mr. Moody shared that the Building Committee would be reviewing the list to forward options to the full board.

4. Report from Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent

The committee discussed moving their meetings back to the Superintendent's Office. They decided to continue meeting at the SAHS Library at this time and revisit the discussion in 2023.