



Director of Curriculum School Board Report June 2022

Submitted by Laura Columbia

Summer Programming Update

- Our staff have been hired for summer programming and we currently have 75 employees working with our summer programs (not including transportation and food service).
- Programs will be housed at WGM, CBS, MBMS, and MBC. And new this year, CCHS will be offering a summer tutoring program.
- Student numbers will be finalized in the next two weeks.

Our Learning Environment *(previously discussed under SEL Audit)*

- This past year, RSU 9 has partnered with Great School's Partnership to look into how our students' environment is and ways we could increase engagement and safety.
- Surveys were sent out to all employees to rate various parts of our plan. Parts of the results of the survey will be shared at the next board meeting.
- Our goals for next year will center around a curriculum for students, structures, supports, and professional development for staff, supporting improved relationships and a stronger RSU 9 culture.

Federal Title Grants Financial Update

Grant	21/22	22/23	Difference
Title 1	\$772,223	\$831,412	\$59,189
Title 2	\$155,366.52	\$147,910.15	-\$7,456.37
Title 4	\$74,993.43	\$80,567.20	\$5,573.77
Title 5	\$22,249.68	\$28,646.59	\$6,396.91
Total	\$1,024,833	\$1,088,535.94	\$63,703

Federal Title Grant Projects

- The ESEA team is currently still discussing potential projects once we know our updated salaries.
- Projects to continue forward:
 - Math and Literacy Interventions
 - Professional Development
 - Extended Day Program at MBC
- Potential new projects:
 - Literacy Training
 - Math Training
 - MTSS Professional Development
 - District book study



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Committee Updates

★ Teacher Evaluation Committee

- The Teacher Evaluation Committee led by Doug Hodum and Laura Columbia have met frequently this year to review our current system (Marzano) and the structure (iObservation). The committee will be moving forward with a similar system but with more of an emphasis on professional development.

★ Report Card Committee

- The report card committee made great strides this year. We have finalized standards in PowerSchool. Our next step will be to review the current Habits of Mind and update them with our work that is reflected in our Strategic Plan.

★ K-5 Leadership Team

- The elementary leadership team worked on professional development and problem-solving topics that have come up this year. Next year we will be reading a group book together.

★ 6-12 Leadership Team

- The 6-12 leadership team had a focus in professional development as well. This included a review of what and how professional development has been delivered this year, and ways that we could improve the professional development that is offered.

★ Grade Level Leaders

- Grade level leaders were a new committee this year. One LAW a month, grade levels met through Zoom (ex. All K teachers, etc) to discuss assigned topics. Topics ranged from feedback on report cards to working on district-wide pacing charts.

Summer Work

This summer we will have staff committees working on the following topics.

- Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
 - MTSS is a structure that is similar to RTI (Response to Intervention) but is a more holistic approach to all students.
- Science Curriculum
 - The Science Curriculum Committee will be partnering with Maine Science and Math Alliance (MSMA) to work on creating a more dynamic and engaging science experience for K-12.
- Social Studies Curriculum
 - The social studies committee will continue to build upon their work of identifying grade-level standards. The biggest area of growth is identifying grade-appropriate resources to teach the topics of indigenous people of Maine and financial literacy.
- Alternative Behavior and Academic Interventions around recess and staff planning time
- Financial Literacy