

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Educational Policy/Program Committee</b>
<b>Minutes</b>
<b>September 11, 2018</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM</b>

**Committee Present:** Amy Rouse – Chair, Maryellen Charles – Vice Chair, Sarah Bunker, Heidi Chartrand, Jeannie Conley, Derek Ellis, Goff French, Peggy Lovejoy, Dixie Ring, Jon Moody and Brent Colbry

**Also Present:** Bruce Mochamer, Jason Bellerose, Dan Riley, Patty Moody and Eileen Crowley

### **1. Committee Reorganization**

The Committee reorganized. Amy Rouse was elected Chair and Maryellen Charles was elected Vice-Chair. The quorum was set at 5.

### **2. Update on the Skowhegan Area High School BARR Program**

Mr. Mochamer introduced Assistant Principal Jason Bellerose and Guidance Counselor Dan Riley, who presented on the success of the Freshman Building Assets Reducing Risks: BARR program at Skowhegan Area High School.

Highlights of BARR outcomes include:

- Strong teacher-student relationships
- Excellent communication with families
- Team meetings and coordination between teachers
- Support and interventions for students who struggle

BARR data was highlighted including most notably a dramatic drop (over 75%) in failure rate for students in their Freshmen year (from 42% in 15-16 to 9.2% this past year).

The Committee thanked Mr. Mochamer and his staff for the presentation and asked him to commend his staff for their efforts. There will be future updates.

### **3. Policy Review**

The Committee reviewed and revised MSMA Sample Policy IMG, Animals in Schools.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and adopt revised Policy IMG, Animals in Schools, as written.**

The Committee reviewed and discussed Policy JLG, Education of Homeless Children and Youth, and procedure JLG-R as provided by Drummond Woodsum.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and adopt revised Policy JLG, Education of Homeless Children and Youth, and procedure JLG-R, as written.**

The Committee reviewed MDOE Model Policy for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response and will revisit this model policy at a future meeting.

### **4. Proficiency Based Education Update**

The Assistant Superintendent provided an update on the district and school goals as established by the Comprehensive Needs Assessment required by the State (see attachments).

### **5. Future EPPC Items**

Future agenda items were discussed.

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.