

**Monadnock Regional School District
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2023
SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Stephanie Lawlor, Scott Peters and Edmond LaPlante. **Absent:** Brian Bohannon

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** S.Lawlor called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of the April 24, 2023, June 21, 2023 & July 5, 2023 Education/Technology Committee Minutes:** **MOTION:** S.Lawlor **MOVED** to approve the April 24, 2023 Education/Technology Committee Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. LaPlante. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** S. Lawlor **MOVED** to approve the June 21, 2023 Education/Technology Committee Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. LaPlante. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to approve the July 5, 2023 Education/Technology Committee Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** S. Lawlor. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
4. **Continued Business:** S.Peters explained at the last meeting the committee picked apart the 6 concepts: Philosophy Statement, Policy or DOE Statement, Standards of Excellence, Operational Standard, Current State Performance and Improvement Goals. The last 3 concepts will be for the administration.

The committee created a philosophy statement for the following topics:

<p>Ready for School: We believe that parents/guardians are responsible to send children to school who are ready to learn, meaning: appropriately fed, rested, clothed, and have the necessary tools such as supplies, homework, medication, snack, lunch, etc. However, when a student comes to school without any of these requirements, it is our moral obligation to fill the need. For students to learn and grow, these needs must be met first. DISCUSSION: The committee moved Ready for School to the top of the list. S. Peters commented that he believes it would be an expectation of the parents to send the students ready for the day but parents believe the District is the closing gap.</p>

<p>Academics: As each student progresses to the next level, they should remember, understand, and be able to apply the skills they have learned. Students are considered proficient when they can apply the skills, and will have achieved mastery when they can analyze, evaluate, and create.</p>
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<p>Competency: A competency is a state-defined standard of minimum learning for a given skill; it defines what a student should know or be able to do. Students are proficient when they meet competency standards.</p>
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<p>Proficiency: A student is considered proficient in a competency when they are able to demonstrate that they can remember, understand, and apply their knowledge (Bloom's Taxonomy).</p>

<p>Growth: We believe that every student should make continual learning progress. We believe that students should be measured often in order to ensure that growth is happening. DISCUSSION: The committee would like the students to achieve competency and the District would like growth. The committee would like to discuss Growth with J. Rathbun before the information is complete and</p>
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presented to the Board..

Achievement: We believe that achievement is both the proof and the celebration of growth over time. Achievement includes test scores, awards, and graduations.

Work Ethics: We believe that every student needs to be challenged, and should respond with effort within and outside of the classroom. We also believe that every student should learn to work independently to reach their goals. As students progress into middle school, they should learn to work with diverse groups of their peers. As students progress into high school they should learn how to plan their time in advance in order to reach long term goals. **DISCUSSION:** The committee felt the homework policy noodles into the Work Ethics topic. The homework policy is applied in different ways by different teachers.

Attendance: We believe that students must be present to learn the required competencies, but also to properly develop social skills, work ethic, and participate in field trips or extracurricular activities. When a student misses school for any reason, it is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to ensure their child makes up the missed schoolwork. **DISCUSSION:** The committee believes if a student is getting an A that is no reason for a parent to let their student stay home. Traveling is ok because kids do sports and they leave as well as vacations and that is a social experience as long as you get your work done.

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MOTION:S. Lawlor **MOVED** to bring the information the committee has so far to the Board.

SECOND: E.LaPlante. **DISCUSSION:** S.Peters felt that the committee should ask J. Rathbun before a sneak peek to the Board. **VOTE:** All no. **Motion fails.**

5. **Second Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

6. **Setting the next meeting's date, time and agenda: August 23, 2023. On the next agenda the committee will discuss Behavior, Nutrition, Social and Emotional and Ready to Launch.** S.Lawlor would like to ask T. Walsh for his perspective regarding nutrition. S.Peters mentioned asking the Superintendent first and J. Rathbun before contacting T. Walsh.

S.Peters mentioned that this committee is one meeting behind. The committee needs to finish the list. The committee will schedule a meeting on August 23, 2023, September 6, 2023 to make the deck and September 27,2023.

7. **Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** S.Lawlor **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. **SECOND:** E.LaPlante. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary