

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Masks are required for all those in attendance

Zoom link -

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Meeting ID: 820 0803 5300

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Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt	X	Karen Seaman, Rangeley	
Joanna Farrar, Dallas Plt	X	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley	X
Kayla Alexander, Rangeley	Zoom	Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	Zoom
Wesley Dugan, Rangeley	Zoom	Mary Richards-Chair, Sandy River Plt	X
Chris Farmer, Rangeley	X	JoAnne Taylor, Sandy River Plt	
Deborah Ladd-V. Chair, Rangeley	Zoom	Mya Laliberte, Student Rep	X

Quorum: 830/1003

1. Call to Order
Called to order @ 6:06pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
None
4. Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2021
Chris Farmer moved
Joanne Dunlap second
Discussion: none
All in favor
5. Public Comments
None
6. Presentations: Rowenna Hathaway, HS Presentation

Noticing that students have been more disengaged in traditional classroom activities. Discussed idea of cross content learning, and each teacher could come to a common goal in our subject matter. Want the project to be student driven. This was a pilot year, so decided on a topic that they can all relate to: FOOD, and what does food mean to you. Guest speakers and field trips in conjunction with classroom learning. After quarter one, students were asked to reflect on the project. The bigger goal was to get the students to reflect and synthesize. What's next? Survey sent to students for input for remainder of the year. Student voice leads to student engagement, Interest in animals and food supply as well as the cooking aspect. Student reflection from 3 students shared in presentation.

7. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Mary: were unable to do the special treat for staff before vacation due to being remote. Did still deliver cookies to some that were working the building
Georgia: Acknowledge and congratulate the cast of Little Shop of Horrors and Erin Smith.

Only school in Franklin County to be chosen to participate in Winter Kids Competition. The winning school will win \$10,000. Kick off ceremony on Friday 1/14 @ 1:00pm, Mrs. Richards leading the competition.

ESR3 application approved, planning is in process. Supplies have been ordered.

Lindsey: CDC/DOE update summary of changes to guidelines. Quarantine has been reduced from 10 days to 5 days as long as asymptomatic. Isolation when people have tested positive has changed from 10 days to 5 days as long as symptoms are resolved or are improving. Universal masking is now an exemption in the SOP so that students/staff can come to school if a close contact as long as they are feeling well. Currently a recommendation to test on day 5 from exposure, but not required. Outbreak status is no longer 3 cases in 14 days, it is grouped into the 15% absenteeism reporting of staff/students, which would be roughly 35 people absent due to any illness. Lindsey would like to add a testing component to returning after being positive with a rapid test after day 5. If they are still positive, we would like to just retest at day 7. Confusion around PCR testing and antigen testing. You will not automatically show a positive result on an antigen test when you've had covid as it's based on viral load. A PCR will be the one to pick up traces of being positive for 90 days.

Motion to approve testing on after 5 days of isolation, retest on day 7 if materials available, if not day 8.

(Kathy Catrini). Second Joan Dunlap,
All in favor.

Seth: update to home games for basketball games 362 total capacity, cut it in half. Then allotted 4 tickets to each family and personnel/admin, radio, etc. That left about 50 open tickets for general public. Day before game at noon, via sign up genius to get tickets. Get to watch both games with the ticket. Roughly 150 in the gym including the players.

Many obstacles for the play, kudos to Erin for staying with it.

Thanks to Lindsey for commitment to students and families at RLRS.

Huge shout out to "The Project", what I asked for compared to what it evolved into is great.

Ski Tuesday: Delayed the start to next week 1/8 because of the weather. At least 70 students in the program, doesn't count ski racers and the ones that are going but no in the program. Mrs. Dolbier worked to make the transportation piece work.

Noon dismissal for staff, it was like a workshop day, so many projects being worked on.

Quarter 2 and semester ends on Friday 1/14.

Foster tech starting to work with RLRS middle school students with 3 programs. Commercial arts, building trades, culinary arts. New monitor in the hallway that highlights foster tech. Pictures of our students will be uploaded to that as well. Discussion about something for our 9th/10th grade students in the future.

Mya: basketball teams in Richmond tonight.

Ski team race last week at Saddleback and another one tomorrow in Farmington.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

No meeting at the beginning of January, will meet Monday January 31st.

8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer

Met today from 4-6pm. Initial draft of proposed budget, discussed changes. Still a working project, no action was taken, other than asking for additional information. 5:30 1/25 for the next meeting. Staff seems prepared and willing to be fiscally responsible and what is best for students.

8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Ladd

Met last Thursday, conversation with Siemens, system that runs HVAC is almost extinct. Will be upgraded, is an expense but money in the ESR grant. Shawn can speak to the details of that upgrade to the system.

Shawn: Siemens controls our heating and ventilation controls. Majority of schools use them as their vendor. Current platform was created two decades ago, the operating system is almost obsolete, no more patches, leaves our network vulnerable. Need to migrate to a newer more secure platform. Desigo will be the new platform. Cost: \$64,597.58. Will have its own virtual network.

Deb: Maintenance budgets, paving behind gym, replacing roof shingles, replacing carpet in the portable going into capital reserve. Pricing out landscaping project of LAKER along fence on the athletic fields.

8.4 Communications – Goal #1 – C. Farmer, J. Taylor

Chris: did not meet this month due to holidays. Letting communication things play out. Real uptick in the social media integration. Positive comments from the community. Incorporating print media piece as well.

8.5 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini

Would like to be better informed regarding curriculum, sometimes approached by parents.

9. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

None

10. Action Items:

10.1 Consideration for overnight music trips to All State Music Festival at UMO and New England Music Festival in Burlington, CT
Motion from Kathy, second from Chris.

Mrs. Smith: students prepare for three auditions. They do not have to audition, but they have to prepare for the audition. 5 students who submitted. All state we had 2 kids score high enough to be chosen, and then also an alternate was chosen. Daxxty, Angelica and Lily. This will be at UMO. They would stay in separate rooms, dorm chaperones on each floor. Rehearsals all day. Must show vaccination or negative test before going. Special singing masks purchased. Mrs. Smith will be driving them, wearing masks in the car. Total of 3 nights for all state.

New England Music Festival: each kid will have their own hotel room. Security and chaperones for the entire festival.

All in favor

Motion passes.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 7:34pm

Motion from Chris

Second from Kathy

All in favor

Next meeting: February 8, 2022

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