

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
December 8, 2020
6:00 PM
SKOWHEGAN AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Committee Attendance: Sarah Bunker – Chair, Amy Rouse – Vice Chair, Goff French, Christy Johnson, Mike Lambke, Peggy Lovejoy

Also Present: Mark Hatch, Jon Moody, Jeremy Lehan, Carla Seymour, Steve Gagne, Lynda Quinn

1. **Presentation by Jeremy Lehan/Adult Ed Director**

Jeremy Lehan, the Adult Education Director shared how COVID 19 has impacted the program, type of courses and successes they have experienced since last March. Highlights included a focus on helping students earn their high school diploma. The program has utilized grant funds to provide much needed technology for remote options for student and community access. Through collaboration with Genesis Health Care and Mt. St. Josephs, 18 students have completed their CNA training. In conjunction with KVCC we have offered the IC3/CompTIAA+ training for technology students. Even though numbers are lower in our enrichment programs there has been success with aerobics, yoga, writer's workshop and Medicare/elder workshops.

The Adult Ed program continues to look for new opportunities for our community including "micro credential" programs and opportunities through the 21st Century grant.

2. **Presentation by Carla Seymour/Grade 4 Teacher**
Margaret Chase Smith School

Carla Seymour, a fourth-grade teacher at Margaret Chase Smith School in Skowhegan, shared her experience with technology in her classroom with student who attend in person. Mrs. Seymour shared how she and other teachers used summer professional development opportunities that were offered by the district and the Department of Education to prepare for digital learning. That work has allowed her to develop a google classroom that

students access daily. She shared videos showing her use of the iPad, Apple Pencil and Whiteboard applications that have allowed her to demonstrate work, provide feedback, and allow for sharing experiments in the classroom without students needing to touch the items. Carla shared that staff have used technology to remote into their classrooms even when they are not able to be in school. Carla shared how the professional development has helped her and others meet the needs of our students and she shared her thanks for the additional time that has been approved so this could happen.

3. **Update from Mark Hatch/Assistant Superintendent**

The Assistant Superintendent shared plans for the December 14th workshop day where staff will have options on learning how to better use IXL, a program that allows for practice in Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies in their classrooms. On Saturday, December 19th teachers who sign up will be able to receive training on the use of their Promethean Boards. January 15th will include options on Moby Max, which provides practice in Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies and additional options for Promethean Board training.