

Regional School Unit No. 5

Durham

Freeport

Pownal

Strategic Communications Subcommittee Report

Date: March 11, 2014

Committee: Strategic Communications

Chair: Candice Decsipkes

In attendance: Shannon Welsh, Candice Decsipkes, Kathryn Brown, Valy Steverlynck, Joe Makley

Meeting Date: March 6, 2014

Agenda Items and Discussion:

State of the Schools Draft Report

Joe Makley shared preliminary copies of the State of the School report. On the NECAP, RSU5 students are continuing to perform well above the state average and approaching regional averages in reading and math. Both 3rd and 5th grade students matched or exceeded the regional average in math. Grade 8 students performed well against the state average, but somewhat below the regional average in math. On the Maine High School Assessment, RSU5 students continue to score well above the state averages in all subjects, and somewhat below the regional average, with the largest gap in math. (Secondary math is an improvement focus at RSU5.) The number of low-income students at RSU5 increased slightly in 2013, and remains more than double that of the higher scoring regional schools.

Dine and Discuss Planning:

The format will be similar to last year with topic signs at tables, and one RSU5 representative at each table to collect feedback. Soup and sandwiches will be served. Dates:

- April 9th in Pownal
- April 30th in Durham
- May 7th in Freeport

The next meeting of the Strategic Communications Committee is scheduled for May 29, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Office

Press release recommended? No

Submitted by: Joe Makley