

LNSU/LNMUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting 1/13/25

5:18 pm, meeting was called to order

Present: Tina Lowe, Stephanie Sweet, Kiley Hill, Danielle Sweet, Kim Hunt, Bethann Pirie, Betzi Goodman, Jan Epstein

The group approved the agenda, there was no public comment.

Kim handed out a sample of the new report card. This format is much more parent/caregiver friendly. It is similar to past report cards with the same scoring scale and there is enough space for teachers to leave comments about student progress. In cases where a skill is only introduced and not evaluated individually, it may be labeled "G" for Group Activity. Bethann explained that the language remains consistent throughout the elementary, middle, and high school.

Kim then spoke about Learning Outcomes (Educational Quality Standards for Academic Performance). She presented slides which highlighted NWEA Maps Growth Data. She explained the percentile represented the student's growth as a class, not necessarily where they are as learners. For instance, 50% means their growth is average across the country. SBACs is now VTCAP and occurs in late March or early April. The group looked at and compared the data. Literacy seemed to see less growth in elementary grades and in grades 6-10. Stephanie suggested that participation in the arts can help students in literacy.

The VTCAP Math results (grades 3-9) suggest there is consistent growth in grades 3-6, but then drops off around middle school. It was suggested that COVID could be a factor since these students were 3rd graders at that time and may have lost out on critical skills. Even though some students are making the average amount of growth, it may not be enough to get them to grade level.

Act 139 is the State's new literacy law put in place to ensure quality in literacy. The next assessment will require teachers to send notices to families whose students are struggling.

Kim gave the group an update on Read Vermont. Our district qualified for 12 to 15 Literacy Coaches who will help teachers deliver the literacy program more effectively.

There was no new business.

5:55pm Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Tina Lowe