



Regional School Unit 5
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"To inspire and support every learner by challenging minds, building character, sparking creativity, and nurturing passions."

Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools
Kelly Wentworth, Director of Finance & Human Resources

Erica Mazzeo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Elisha Morris, Director of Instructional Support

Curriculum and Program Development Committee
Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Minutes

Committee Members Present: Karen Breer, Anna Child, Lois Kilby Chesley
Committee Members Absent: None
Administrators in Attendance: Tom Gray, Superintendent
Guests: Kate McElligott, parent

The meeting started at 8:04 a.m.

1. Nomination of a Chair

Lois Kilby-Chesley nominated Anna Child as Chair, Karen Breer seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, none opposed

2. Establishing Curriculum priorities for 2026-2027

Superintendent Gray clarified possible roles for this committee in its work with curriculum and assessment. He shared examples from his previous experience with Curriculum committees in other districts. Lois Kilby-Chesley shared that when she was a teacher in RSU 5 (up to 2012), teachers had more autonomy with curriculum than they presently have.

Based on this discussion, the committee expressed a desire for the Curriculum and Program Development Committee to become a standing committee of the RSU 5 Board of Directors, and to include regular representation from administrators, teachers, and parents. Anna Child will draft guidelines for the Committee's new scope for consideration at the next meeting of the Curriculum committee on May 20, 2026.

The committee established the following priority areas for next year:

- Continue curriculum work in Math
- Examine practices in literacy instruction
- Examine the role of technology in the student experience

The meeting ended at 9:25 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for: May 20, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:00 am.