



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, May 20, 2026
Minutes

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

The meeting started at 9:37 a.m.

1. Scope of the committee

- a. Since the last meeting, Anna did some research regarding the scope and structure of Curriculum committees in other districts. There is a full spectrum in the realm of practice.
- b. Anna prepared a draft statement of the committee's current role, and a new proposed role.
 - i. The new draft emphasizes transparency, communication, and the role of the Board in the area of curriculum.
 - ii. Anna emphasized the respect she holds for teachers and a desire to make sure that the Board respects the teachers as our curriculum experts.
 - iii. The Committee discussed the value of having teacher representation and voice as part of its work.
 - iv. The Committee emphasized the importance of curiosity and taking the stance of learners in their work.
 - v. The Committee reviewed the draft and suggested some revisions to take to the Board of Directors.
- c. Superintendent Gray recommended that at the next meeting, the Committee review policies [BDE- Board of Directors Standing Committees](#) and [BDF- Board of Directors Advisory Committees](#) to inform the ongoing discussion about the role of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee. The committee members agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for: June 17, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.