



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, June 17, 2026
Minutes

Committee Members Present: Karen Breer, Anna Child
Committee Members Absent: None
Administrators in Attendance: Tom Gray, Superintendent
Members of the Public: Lois Kilby-Chesley, Kate McElligott

The meeting started at 9:34 a.m.

1. The role of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee

Superintendent Gray shared copies of RSU 5 Policy BDE- Board of Directors Standing Committees. Anna Child opened discussion regarding which committee type would be best suited for the work of the Curriculum Committee. As part of this discussion, the committee weighed the option of holding future meetings in schools. It was recognized a "Standing Committee" has more formality, especially if paired with the intention to solicit participation from constituent groups such as parents, staff, administrators, and students. Membership on "standing" committees is confined to members of the RSU 5 Board of Directors; so for others to participate, they would have to be recognized by the Chair. Kate McElligott, a parent, shared that the recent work on the district's Strategic Plan could serve as a model for ongoing curriculum work, and that it might be helpful for the Curriculum committee to bring in outside experts (D.o.E., etc.) to help educate the committee members. She also expressed concern that our current data points are not capturing the performance of disadvantaged students.

Superintendent Gray shared that he had already initiated a conversation with administrators about expanding the data points we use, and the possibility of using UFLI in Tier I. He also shared that Acadience continues to happen for all students K-8, and that we will continue to look at ways to use that data.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.