

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Educational Policy/Program Committee</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>January 11, 2022</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Skowhegan Area High School –Library</b>

**Committee Attendance:** Sarah Bunker- **Chair**, Karen Smith – **Vice Chair**, Amy Rouse, Mike Lambke, Peggy Lovejoy, Jeannie Conley, Lynda Quinn

**Also Present:** Jon Moody, Mark Hatch, Gail Kelly, Sean Finn

The committee had a moment of silence in memory of Goff French and all of his work for the students and staff of MSAD 54.

**1. Presentation by District Music Department**

Gail Kelly & Sean Finn presented on district music programming K-12 and the impact of the past two years with COVID-19 protocols. They shared that for the majority of the 2020-2021 school year they had to adjust their programming due to the limitations on singing and playing instruments. They were able to start back up toward the end of that year and the classroom lessons, chorus and instrumental programs are back in session now with appropriate PPC being used.

They shared the importance of the elementary classroom time as a way to help students develop their ability to identify rhythm and pitch so that in the upper elementary, middle and high school classes and groups they can develop their skills. The department hopes to increase their numbers in the coming years.

**2. Review Policy ACAD – Hazing**

The committee reviewed the hazing policy. This policy is required by law and was last reviewed 12 years ago. No action needed to be taken.

**3. Review Updated Maine CDC SOP**

The committee reviewed the updated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and discussed the following changes:

- a. The quarantine length has been reduced from 10 days to 5 days

- b. There is a requirement that all close contacts mask around others for 10 days
- c. The mandatory masking policy that we have in MSAD 54 allows all close contacts to attend school during their community quarantine time period
- d. The definition of an outbreak has been changed from 3 positive cases to 15% of the population being out of school due to illness
- e. The definition of universal masking was created. This definition requires masking during the school day and at all events by all individuals. Due to this change we will be having all individuals mask during athletic events.

Report from Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent – There were no additional topics shared.