

Friends of RSU 16

Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2020

Present: Ken Healey, Amy Hediger, Mary Martin, Eriks Peterson, Carl Beckett, Arthur Reed, Don Stover, Suzie Stover, Hester Gilpatrick, Dave Gilpatrick, David MacMahon, Hillary Bush

Guidance Presentation: Hillary Bush, PRHS Guidance Counselor, discussed the many ways that students are supported at the high school. Students have the opportunity to take college courses and obtain credits while still in high school. Courses are offered on-line and on college campuses. Students are participating in courses offered by the University of Maine at various locations and next year a psychology class will be added at CMMC. This opportunity provides a cost savings, gives students an experience with college requirements, and introduces them to some of the supports available at college. As part of the Round Table curriculum, students make college applications. Through Guidance they receive support for future plans whether choosing college, the military, mission work, AmeriCorps, advanced certification or work. Former students return during Alumni Day to talk about their experiences and to offer advice. Students set goals for PSATs and other assessments. There was a lengthy discussion on the high school to college transition and the barriers to college completion.

Middle School Addition: A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Bruce M. Whittier Middle School addition will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8:00 AM. Ken Healey thanked Friends of RSU 16 for their commitment to the project and extended an invitation to the event. An Open House will be held from 3:30-6:30 on the 13th.

Climate Change: Amy Hediger reported on how the RSU 16 science curriculum addresses climate change. The PRHS physical science class includes a nine week unit on global climate systems and human impacts and the grade 7 science curriculum has a 7 week unit called Energy and Impacts. Climate change is also addressed in a PRHS biology ecosystem study, grade 5 Earth systems, and grade 3 weather and climate.

Roundtable: The following were identified as area of interest for future agendas: JMG (Jobs for Maine Grads), Literacy Coach, Behavioral Program, and after school access to computers,

Meeting Dates: Second Friday of the Month: February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 5 (1st Friday)