

PbL Steering Committee: March 7, 2017

Ryan Caron, Becky Brown, Brem Stoner, Sarah Gay, Julie Lefebvre, Susan Adams, Katherine Doane, Carrie Stilphen, Teri Wark, Dick Matthews, Ken Kunin, Nancy Sparacio, Megan Welter

Viewed Proficiency in Education, WABI TV5

Viewed the video of the broadcast, focused on Bangor and Dexter, follow-up discussion of the respective approaches and some of the challenges faced by both districts and how they are meeting the challenges

Co-curricular Eligibility Policy Review

Current Practice: Two policies with one for middle and one for high school. We have kept HS the same at this point. Mr. Caron described the HS process at this point and the passing marks on the four point scale by quarter. Mr. Caron also noted that he looks at Habits of Work (HOW) to look for issues where students may be failing, but have strong HOW scores. Mr. Caron noted that the students in PbL graded classes with HOW taken into consideration have resulted in fewer students ineligible. Ms. Stilphen noted that MS looks only at HOW, with this year taking advantage of decaying average.

Policy Review: Looking at Maine Principal's Association and Great Schools Partnership sample policy and read using the 4 "A's" protocol. After discussion in small groups looked at some recommendations for policy committee as a large group. It was brought up that we should use looking at this policy to solve other issues: five v. six classes and definition of full time as one example. Groups represented that academics first should be communicated through the policy. HOW should be a focus of the eligibility policy according to a number of participants. Noted that there does need to be mention of special needs and eligibility determined by IEP.

High School Profile Review

Ms. Wark used feedback from the last meeting and made revisions. She reviewed those revisions. Members reviewed and made comments regarding the revised profile.

Summary

We will invite students to the next meeting with looking for a mix of 9th and 10th grade students. There was also a request to relook at Honors Recognition policy, which will be added to the next meeting. Depending upon time, we may also review another policy.