

EISA Subcommittee Minutes

5/15/19

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, Ms. Electra Alessio, Director of Academics, Professional Learning and Student Affairs Patty Haynes. Mr. Fitzpatrick was excused. Called to order by Mahoney at 4:30 pm. Meeting was held in the SAU conference room. Minutes of the 4/10/19 meeting were reviewed and approved with one amendment: Dr. Haynes' title is no longer

Dr. Haynes reported that the recent visit from NHDOE Commissioner Edelblut was productive. Dr. Haynes reported on the Portrait of a Graduate development work which is underway. The goal is to define the desired characteristics and qualities of a Sanborn graduate, which will help to inform the process of Strategic Planning. Meetings will be held with various stakeholders to develop a list of characteristics; these include students, business owners, parents, board members. Dr. Haynes has met with elementary student council members and elementary teachers; Mr. Stack has met with high school student council members; Mr. Ambrose will meet with a parent group. A focus group will be convened in July to distill all of the lists to one single list of characteristics.

The committee and members of the public who were present participated in this exercise. The final list of 6 characteristics was Self Direction, Critical Thinking, Emotional Intelligence, Metacognition or Ability to Learn, Technological Competence, and Collaboration. Others which were suggested included Literacy and Numeracy/Content Mastery, Civic Literacy, and Communication. It was noted that skills are evolving and that automation is changing the jobs and skills that will be needed in the future.

The Shaker Regional School District results were briefly discussed, as Mr. Ambrose will be presenting them at that night's board meeting. Of note is their superior student performance, with a similar demographic to Sanborn and a much higher number of free/reduced lunch recipients. They have a large number of intervention professionals, which contrasts with Sanborn's very low number. Dr. Haynes stressed that our teachers are doing a great job but are stretched too thin, and that they will benefit from added intervention resources. Top achievers should also benefit.

Annie Collyer of Newton commented on the importance of Enrichment for top achievers.

Pam Brown of Newton commented on the importance of content mastery in the profile of a graduate.

Meeting was adjourned by Mahoney at 5:15