

**KIDS REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #2
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
PLACE: ZOOM MEETING ONLY
TIME: 5:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:00 PM REGULAR ZOOM MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Jon Lambert, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Lambert left the meeting at 8:25 pm, Dawn Gallagher and Linda Leet left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Tonya Arnold; CAO Matt Gilbert, Business Manager Stephanie Saltzman, MA Principal Ted Finn, MMS Principal Melissa Burnham Barter, HDMS Principal Mark Tinkham, AD/Dean Jon Spear, AD/Dean Steve Bell, AD/Dean Chris Ranslow, HDES Principal Kristie Clark, DES Principal Derosby, KIDSEA President Keith Morang, Student Reps to the Board Olivia Degen, Tanley Tibbetts, Max Gould, other members of the staff, community members, and Reporter Emily Duggan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM PRESENT

The Chair declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session; Student Matter pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(B)

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to enter Executive Session to discuss a student matter at 5:02 pm. Director Donna Seppy **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 10-0**. Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Linda Leet, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

Action Taken: Director Dawn Gallagher **motioned** to enter an agreement with a student and family for an extended suspension until conditions of the agreement are met which should be no later than 11/29/21. Director Jon Lambert **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 12-0**.

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Jon Lambert, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2021

Director Linda Leet **motioned** to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 Regular meeting. Director Jon Lambert **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 12-0**.

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Jon Lambert, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

4.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA

9.2 Added; Add to Item 10.2; Add to Item 10.3
Move to 10.1 report now to be heard first.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 Public Comment

Following the presentation of information from 10.1 and the safety plan for athletics and activities beginning the winter season, a few parents shared appreciation for the work the athletic directors and administrators did to gather as much information as possible and the considerations that lead to this plan. There were some clarifying questions that were answered by the team who created the plan. There was a request to review the number of tickets to determine if a student spectator section could be created that would not increase the contact tracing requirements put upon the nurses and update everyone after that is decided.

5.2 MA and MMS Principal reports

Principal reports are at the end of the minutes.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Second Reading and Approval of the following Policies - Director Chris Asch **motioned** to approve the following policy.

- BDE - Board Standing Committees

Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 12-0.**

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Jon Lambert, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

6.2 Vote on TEPG Steering Committee proposal to pause summative evaluations for continuing contract teachers and administrators who are not on probationary or targeted growth plans as allowed by HR 1172 for the 21-22 school year.

Director Jon Lambert **motioned** to approve. Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 10-1.**

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, and Donna Seppy; NO = Mark Pearson; Director Jon Lambert left the meeting.

Curt Jack was introduced and explained the law and the Steering Committee request. All teachers will still do goal setting and reflection with the supervisors, and observation and feedback will still be conducted.

6.3 CATC [Cooperative Agreement update](#)

A summary of the concept of cost sharing in the agreement was shared. Generally there is support for helping in this way, but they want the agreement to be

signed the year before it takes effect and want the details of budget impact before 12/31 the year before.

6.4 Visioning Process Update - [Smithfield, RI Future Search Video](#)

Judy Sanders introduced and she shared this information.

RSU 2 Visioning & Planning: Current Considerations

A Conversation: Supt. Tonya Arnold and Judy Sanders - 9/27

Deadline for A Plan?

- When do you **want** to have a plan completed? ASAP
- When do you **need** to have a plan completed? By June 2022

Visioning and Planning Timeline Variables:

- Covid Guidelines/Restrictions - masking, social distancing, social gathering size, immunizations
- Status of Staff/Students/Admin/Parents/Community Social Emotional Health & Wellness - Readiness

Large Group In-Person Gatherings?

Is there value in waiting for large in-person community engagement in the visioning/planning process? Yes

Draft Plan & Timeline moving forward:

- Nov.-Dec. 2021 **Survey in 3 parts** - with students - staff - community
 - school system develops on-line survey questions for participants to input a vision for education in RSU 2
 - participants choose competencies/elements of education they favor moving into the future
- Jan. 14, 2022 **School Admin & Staff review summary of survey results** and provide feedback during early release day
 - Judy will provide a protocol/template for this process
- Feb.-April 2022 **Future Search Event Planning Meeting** – 2 hours
Determine participants to be invited personally. Review the invitation process
- Mar.-Apr. 2022 **Future Search** event in person in March or April depending on pandemic status
- Late June 2022 **Planning team** sessions June. 20-22
- July 7, 2022 **Board meeting review/approve draft RSU 2 Education Plan**

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Approval of Nominated Personnel as New Hires
None

- 7.2 Approval of Overnight and Out of State Field Trips
Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve the following overnight trip
- MA Outdoor Club / Class trip to Mahoosuc Notch, Speck - 11/20-21/2021
Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 11-0.**

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

- 7.3 Appointment of Stipend Review Committee Members for 21-22
Director Jay Brown **motioned** to approve the appointment of the following as the members of the Stipend Review Committee:

Mark Tinkham
Keith Morang
Elizabeth Ross
Jonathan Spear

Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 11-0.**

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

- 7.4 Reading and Approval of the required legal revisions to the following policies.
Director Linda Leet **motioned** to approve the following policy and regulation.
- JKAA - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion
- JKAA - R - Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion
Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the policy, **voted in favor 11-0.**

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

- 7.5 Approval of the First Reading of the following policies
Director Chris Asch **motioned** to approve the First Reading of the following policies
- BED - Remote Participation in Board Meetings
- BCC - Nepotism
- BCB - Conflict of Interest
- JLFA - Child Sexual Abuse and Response
Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 11-0.**

Roll Call vote: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Dawn Gallagher, Russ Hughes, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Policy & Personnel Committee Zoom Meeting
October 14, 2021

Committee Members: Committee Chair Chris Asch, Directors Leanne Burnham, Russ Hughes, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia and Mark Pearson; Board Chair Jon Hamann; Superintendent Tonya Arnold

Committee Members Absent: Director Mark Pearson

Other Board members present: Director Donna Seppy

Also Present: Business Manager/HR Director Stephanie Saltzman, Special Education Director Deb Murphy

1. Call to order 5:30 PM
2. Review of Policy for second reading at the November Regular Meeting of the Board
 - BDE - BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES (rev 5/4/17)
Move forward for second reading at the November regular meeting.
3. Review of potential new policies
 - BED - REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
Move forward for first reading at the November regular meeting.
 - MSMA Sample Policy JLFA - Child Sexual Abuse and Response
Move forward for first reading at the November regular meeting.
 - MSMA Sample Policy BCC - Nepotism
If changes in light of new legislation are acceptable, then see additional changes to
 - Policy BCB - Conflict of Interest that would need to be made as well.
Move forward for first reading at the November regular meeting.
4. Review of policies requiring no change, but review by the Board should be documented every five years: TABLED
 - BDB - Board Officers (02/09/09)
 - BDF - Board Advisory Committees (10/9/09)
 - BDF-A - Simmons Fund Advisory Committee (4/5/18)
5. Adjournment at 7:04 PM

Next agenda: BEDH - Restraint and Seclusion

8.2 Wellness Committee Zoom Meeting
October 20, 2021

Committee Members Present: Food Service Director Chrissy Michaud, Patricia Marshall, Assistant Superintendent & CAO Matt Gilbert, Lisa Dubay, Food Service Manager, Kathy Lord, Food Service Manager, Leanne Burnham, Jeff Bickford, Carrie Emerson, Nan Bell

Others present: Kristie LeBlanc, Assistant Director of Somerset Public Health

Committee Members Absent: Superintendent Tonya Arnold, Sarah Platt, Teresa Maxcy, Denise Leathers-Pouliot, Katy Cilley

1. Approval of last meetings minutes

Nan Bell motioned to approve last meeting minutes and the committee agreed.

2. New Business

a. Introduction of Members: Members went around the chat room and introduced themselves to each other in case some were new.

b. Goal setting for school year 2021-22: Chrissy Michaud talked about the wellness policy and how it is a very strong and compliant policy. The policy needs to be updated with the Policy and Personnel committee as the date on the policy shows approved in 2016 and it needs to show a new date in regulation with the Triennial Assessment set forth by USDA. A goal is to do the assessment form and keep it on file for our next review.

c. Leanne Burnham asked that we explore Student Participation and how coming back to school for a full in person class load is affecting them socially and emotionally as a goal for this year. Maybe check with the School Counselors to see if they know if any specific concerns and how we can support those concerns or needs.

d. Lisa Dubay mentioned it would be nice to check in with staff as well regarding social and emotional concerns and how we can support staff, especially those who are short staffed and running ragged.

e. Another goal set by Chrissy, was to reach out to students and building administration for participation on the Wellness Committee. Matt Gilbert said he would reach out to Administration, and Carrie Emerson will reach out to Students in Richmond and possibly the other two High Schools to recruit for the Committee.

f. Chrissy talked with Matt Gilbert regarding a program, originally done in Rumford years ago, that she would like to implement possibly once we return to normal or post COVID, regarding a substance abuse or wellness seminar for students in High School. Matt talked about how the program evolved into a Keeping Students Safe program with lectures and special guests talking about how substance abuse changed their lives.

g. Kristen LeBlanc talked about our Wellness Policy and how she was very impressed with how strong it is, particularly using specific wordage and not leaving it to interpretation. Kristen works with schools across the State of Maine, helping to implement their Wellness Policies or create their policies. Out of the 236 policies she has seen throughout the State of Maine, ours ranks 5th and will be used for those to model after. She asked Nan to create a binder of information regarding the Wellness Policy and our committee meetings and minutes, assessment tools and the actual policy, so that when we receive our next review, all we need to do is to submit the binder to Child Nutrition.

h. Nan Bell suggested that she create a flyer for our communities with excerpts from the Wellness Policy, for community knowledge. Part of the Wellness Policy process is to make sure we let our community know what we do, what goals we set, and how we implement them. We can send out the flyer through email, website or text message throughout our RSU 2 community.

i. Next meeting dates were picked. January 19th, and March 16th are the next Wellness Committee Meeting dates scheduled for 4 PM, via ZOOM.

j. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Chrissy Michaud, Food Service Director

9.0 BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 Update on the process of coming aboard.

Gordon Murray reported that both portable classrooms have arrived and will start to be put together next week.

A question was asked about the lighting at HDMHS, in process, the remaining funds will come from the Simmons fund, some engineering fees were covered by our budget as there is an upgrade to the building electrical in the process and the engineering work cost is anticipated to be less than \$5,000 from regular budget.

Training for secretaries and central office staff for November 12 to improve our process.

We are looking for a new financial and contract system to be in place by 7/1/21.

- 9.2 Bus and Van Sale Acceptance of Bid
- Sharon Flaherty: Bus = \$1222.00; Van = \$1,777.00

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10.1 Covid related updates

- Info from DOE Priority Notice dated
 - 10-28-21 CDC announced the 30-day report of school related cases and school outbreaks, at 2943 and 144 respectively, which are the highest since the start of the pandemic.
 - *In Maine, the "local public health authority" is the Maine CDC.*
 - *Schools must adhere to Maine CDC's uniform, statewide quarantine policy.*
 - *School are reminded that the Maine Department of Education expects schools in Maine to adhere to the U.S. CDC [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#) in order to keep students in classes and prevent transmission of COVID-19 in schools.*
- Update on status of safety plans for Winter season athletic/co-curricular activities
- Vaccine clinics

10.2 Newly Hired, Newly Appointed Personnel

The Superintendent reported on the following newly hired and newly appointed personnel.

- Samuel Grady, Custodian in Dresden
- Amie Levasseur, School Nutrition voluntary transfer from Richmond to DES
- Marina Terrell, School Nutrition voluntary transfer from Hall-Dale to Richmond
- Beatrix Sidelinger, School Nutrition Worker at HD
- Kathleen Gilbert, Regular Ed Tech III at HDES
- John Murphy, Special Ed Tech III at MBES
- Rebecca Weisenburg, Custodian in Richmond
- David Morris, Music Advisor at HDHS
- Seth Mitchell, MMS Robotics Team Advisor
- Carrie Emerson, Mentor for new teacher at RHS
- Shane Abbott, Boys A Basketball Coach at HDMS
- Jennifer Conrad, JV Girls Basketball Coach at HDHS
- Orlando Jaramillo, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at HDHS
- Mike Day, Boys A Basketball Coach at MMS
- Dave Beaudoin, Girls Basketball Coach at MMS
- Molly Menice, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at MA
- Wade Morrill, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at MA
- Brandon Ouellette, Cheering Coach at MA
- Shawn Schultz, Wrestling Coach at MA
- Kyle Fox, JV/Asst. Wrestling Coach at MA
- Sheila Havey, A Team Girls Basketball Coach at RMS
- Tracy Goupil, B Team Girls Basketball Coach at RMS
- Andy Haskell, A Team Boys Basketball Coach at RMS
- Mike Ladner, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at RHS
- Scott Whittier, JV Girls Basketball Coach at RHS
- Jason Cassidy, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at RHS
- Mark Taylor, Wrestling Coach at RHS

10.3 Resignation(s) / Retirement(s)

The Superintendent reported on the following resignations.

- Cristina Rodriguez, Spanish at HDMS
- Sarah Mitchell, School Nurse at RMS/RHS
- Rhonda Mott, School Nutrition Worker at DES
- Cynthia Bonenfant, Office Manager at HDHS

10.4 Open Positions in the RSU

Please help recruit patient caring adults with positive attitudes and team player mentality.

- Director of Information Technology
- Grade 7 Science at HDMS
- World Language Teacher [primarily Spanish] at HDMS
- 50% Occupational Therapist in RSU
- Instructional Coach in RSU
- Title One Ed Tech at MMS
- School Nurse at MBES
- School Nurse at RMS/RHS
- Part-time Guidance Secretary at RMS/HS
- Office Manager at HDHS
- School Nutrition Worker in Richmond

- Head Custodians at HDES, HDHS, MBES and RMS/RHS
- Bus Driver in Richmond
- Special Ed Techs throughout the RSU: RHS 2, RMS 2, HDMS/HS 3, MMS 4, MA 2

- 10.5 Upcoming Board Events/November Committee Meetings (subject to change)
- Special Meeting for Executive Sessions (if needed) - 11/8/21 at 7:00 pm
 - Workshop Meeting with Monmouth Select Board - 11/10/21 at 6:00 pm
 - Regular Board Meeting - 12/2/21 at 6:00 pm

- 10.6 Upcoming Evening Events at Schools
- DES PTF meeting - 11/10/21
 - HDES Parent / Teacher conferences - 11/18/21
 - HDES PTO meeting - 11/22/21
 - MMS PTO meeting - 11/2/21
 - MBES PTG meeting - 11/9/21
 - MBES Parent / Teacher conferences - 11/18/21
 - RMS/RHS Parent / Teacher conferences - 11/16/21

Other Dates:

- Election Day - 11/2/21 [Remote Learning Day]
- Veterans Day - 11/11/21
- Workshop/Comp. Day - 11/12/21
- School Vacation Day - 11/24/21
- Thanksgiving Day / Recess - 11/25/21 and 11/26/21

- 10.7 School Field Trips [In-state / School Day]
- MA FBLA trip to Pine Tree Camp for community service projects - 11/3/21

11.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Executive session for policy CBI

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Director Jay Brown **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted 9-0**

Roll Call list: YES = Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Board Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Jay Brown, Russ Hughes, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson, and Donna Seppy; ABSENT: Directors Jon Lambert, Dawn Gallagher and Linda Leet

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Arnold
Superintendent of Schools

Monmouth Principals' Reports follow.

Monmouth Memorial School Principal Melissa Burnham Barter’s report.

<p>MMS Enrollment as of 10/25/21 = 397 <i>“New enrollments” indicates those students newly enrolled for the 20-21 school year thus far.</i></p>		
<p><u>Total K-5 Enrollment = 263</u></p>		<p><u>Total 6-8 Enrollment = 134</u></p>
<p>K = 47 students <i>New enrollments: 20 students</i> 1 = 34 students <i>New enrollments: 4 students</i> 2 = 43 students <i>New enrollments: 9 students</i></p>	<p>3 = 36 students <i>New enrollments: 3 students</i> 4 = 35 students <i>New enrollments: 4 students</i> 5 = 41 students <i>New enrollments: 4 students</i></p>	<p>6 = 47 students <i>New enrollments: 4 students</i> 7 = 39 students <i>New enrollments: 3 students</i> 8 = 48 students <i>New enrollments: 2 students</i></p>

By the Numbers:

- 57 student-athletes participated on athletic teams in soccer, cross country, and the collaborative Winthrop-Monmouth Football team
- 56 students participating in Robotics or Lego Robotics
- 12 homerooms in grades PK-3 participated in Fire Safety with the Monmouth Fire Department
- 90% Percentage of students completed NWEA testing in the areas of reading, math, and language last month (we are still working on makeups)

Focuses This Year:

- Student learning progress and Response to Intervention (RTI)
 - New RTI Coordinator - Dania Price will be joining us
 - Each grade level meets twice a month to discuss student progress and identify students in need of interventions, either at the classroom level or with other resources (for example, Title One or our intervention staff)
 - Started by collecting information on shared data sources and using data to identify students of concern (Shared data sources, depending on the grade level: Learning target data, NWEA, Fountas and Pinnell, Words their Way, Moby Max/IXL)
- Identifying our school’s vision and core values
 - Began process of having staff identify core values last year
 - Took a step back to create our own vision for what we want our school to look like to make sure our values align
 - Currently gathering a small group to wordsmith our vision statement, then align with core values
 - Will be looking for community input on core values via PTO and a survey

Calendar Updates:

Open House held before the start of school - staff was able to meet students and families outside the building

Community Service

- Day of Caring 11/5/21
- Older students rake and do yard work at school, in greater community, and for individuals in the town who can’t do so themselves
- Soon to kick off annual Stuff the Bus food drive fundraiser

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held virtually at the beginning of December

Students use the 3D-printed parts they designed for the board game they created.



A student shares the podcast he and his partner recorded in the studio and edited on their MacBooks.



A student uses the studio to edit a video he made. Our student Tech Team of 7 middle school students streams announcements for the school every morning.



The Monmouth VEX Robotics team is hard at work preparing bots for their first tournament on November 13. The MMS team pictured here, 93303T, makes some adjustments for testing and documents team progress in their engineering notebook.



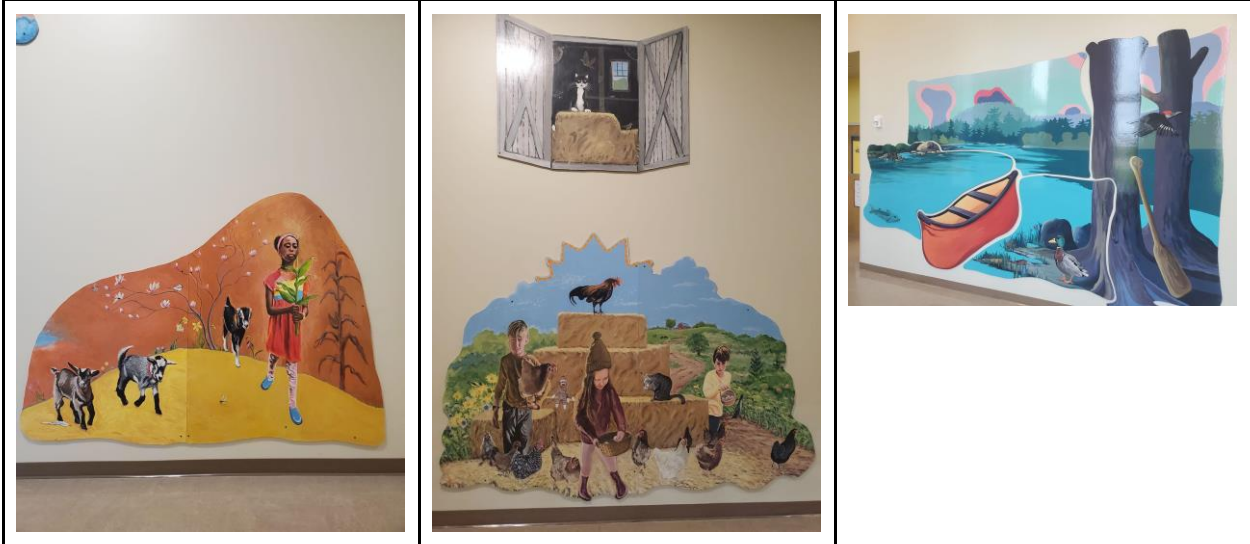
The young engineers in Mrs. Torrington's class have been learning about programming and LEGO robotics during "Tech Thursday" STEM time.



We are very thankful to our Firefighters for working with our students in fire safety!



If you get the chance to check it out, our final Percent for Art installation was completed by artists David Walls and Peter Hurley in August. The installation, titled “Nature’s Way,” features several large paintings of outdoor scenes spanning our main hallway.



Monmouth Academy Principal Ted Finn’s report.

Monmouth Academy said goodbye to Principal Rick Amero on Friday, October 15th. Students and staff wished Mr. Amero the very best as he moved on to his new position. Assistant Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer Mr. Gilbert provided transitional support/coverage at MA until I arrived on October 28th. I want to thank Mr. Gilbert for connecting with students and staff and for keeping me updated to all that was going on under his watch.

Throughout the month of October, I made several visits to Monmouth Academy and was able to connect with some students, parents, and staff members. I put together a survey that all teaching staff were asked to complete on Friday (10/22) as part of their early release workshop time. This survey will help shape my focus on both short- and long-term goals for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and beyond.

My focus for the first couple of weeks between 10/28 - 11/10 will be to connect with as many students and staff as possible. I want to learn as much as I can about the school before moving forward with any changes. I will be offering parents and the community the opportunity to participate in a meet and greet with me (via Zoom) prior to November 10th.

I’ve been impressed to learn how our students, teachers, and staff have continued to handle school through the various challenges still imposed by the pandemic. Despite these challenges, the pandemic has not stopped our young adults from learning, meeting their academic goals, engaging in co-curricular activities, and contributing to our learning community with the support of our caring team of educators.

Below is a table that reflects current data in the areas of enrollment; the number of students taking AP courses; participation in the Capital Area Technical Center; and the number of students currently enrolled in dual enrollment courses:

2021-2022 Data			
Total Enrollment	AP #s	CATC #s	Dual Enrollments
188	<u>8 students</u> *AP Calculus AB (5) *AP Biology (3)	<u>18 students</u> *Auto Tech (2) *EMT (3) *Electrical (2) *Building Construction (2) *CNA (2) *Med/Vet Terminology (1) *Machine Tool (2) *Plumbing & Heating (2) *Auto Collision (2)	<u>41 students enrolled in 66 classes</u> *Unmanned Aircraft (1) *Social Psychology (1) *Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1) *Communications (7) *College Writing (18) *Technical Math (1) *Statistics (14) *Intro to Psychology (1) *Algebra 2 (10) *Anatomy & Physiology (12)

Testing Updates

Since colleges and universities have moved towards test-optional or test-blind policies regarding SAT test scores (meaning they don't factor test scores into admissions decisions even if students submit scores), Monmouth Academy has provided the opportunity for students in grades 9 and 10 the option to participate in PSAT/NMSQT testing in the fall. This year a total of eight students participated in that testing on October 13, 2021.

Students in grades 9-11 participated in NWEA testing Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Students worked through the math, reading, and language exams. Make-up exams were held on October 22, 2021, and again on October 27, 2021.

Monmouth Academy will participate in the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey this fall. Administration of this will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Information about this survey has been communicated to families via email and mailing. This year the survey is of utmost importance for students at Monmouth Academy as we have been selected for participation in the national integrated youth health survey. Not only will our results help us understand our students in our school, our district, and our state but also at the national level as well.

School Counselor Update

The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) held a virtual financial aid night with students and parents in grades 10 and 11 on September 15, 2021. Great information was shared about financial aid as well as the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). FAFSA season is underway as of October 1, 2021, and our students are working hard at creating their Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs and completing their FAFSA to apply for financial aid!

Seniors have begun their college applications and have already been accepted to colleges and universities. Here are our following acceptances:

- Taylor Truman: Husson University, Mount Aloysius University, University of Southern Maine, Wesleyan University, and Northland College
- Connor Harding: Southern Maine Community College

MA Student Leaders/Co-Curricular Activities

The Monmouth Academy Student Government (MASG), National Honor Society (NHS), and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) continue to do an incredible job sponsoring events that help foster our school culture and assist our greater community. Here are a few of their initiatives:

FBLA & MASG sponsored Wear Orange against Bullying; Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness & donation collection for Breast Cancer Research.

The NHS is raising money to assist a family with unexpected medical bills. They accomplished the planning of first year students' day; planned a homecoming week including a dance and pep rally; assisted in the goodbye assembly for Mr. Amero; provided a staff morale booster the Wednesday after his departure; and are currently working on volunteering at a local blood drive.

Monmouth Academy FBLA is the only chapter in Maine to complete the Summer Starter section in the National Chapter Recognition program. Alexa Allen has completed the first level of the National Business Achievement Awards. Recruitment activities have brought 7 new members to the chapter so far. FBLA will participate in the Annual Halloween Block Party with MASG & NHS, sponsoring games and Trunk or Treat.

The Yearbook Committee has been working on this year's theme and cover. Students are also learning about marketing and how to use the software to start designing pages.

Envirothon (aka the Environmental Club) is working with MMS to get both schools recycling again and start a composting program.

The Monmouth Academy Student Government (MASG) will be sponsoring a costume contest and a pumpkin carving contest on Friday (10/29). They also coordinated the goodbye assembly for Mr. Amero. Jacob Umberhind is starting a reading program (Reading is Power) with MMS where high school students go and read to elementary students. MASG is also working with Home Depot to finish making and rehabbing trophy cases and looking forward to having the upcoming Citrus Fundraiser.

Student of the Month: Alexa Allen, Class of 2022, September

Monmouth Academy Fall Athletics

Monmouth XC: Girls Team - MVC Champions; 3rd in the Regionals and heading to States: Senior Alexa Allen - MVC Champion, MVC Runner of the Year, and Regional Champion.

Boys XC: Boys Team - 2nd place at MVC championships; 3rd in the Regionals, heading to States: Jr. Bronson Comeau - MVC Champion, MVC Runner of the Year, and Regional Champion.

XC Coach Tom Menendez: Girls MVC Coach of the Year

Monmouth/Hall-Dale Golf: 2nd place at MVC Championships, 9th in Class C; Averi Beaudoin 3rd overall in States for the girls; Kyle Clavet 29th overall at States for the boys.

Monmouth Boys Soccer: 3rd in MVCs and will play in the Regional Semi-Final. Hayden Fletcher scored his 105th goal of his career and was also named MVC player of the year.

Monmouth/Winthrop Girls Soccer: 3rd in MVCs, now entering the second round of State playoffs: Players Lyda Rice and Megan Ham received 1st team All-Star selections.