

## REGION TWO SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

### COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2021

6:00 P.M.

#### MINUTES

1. **Declaration of Quorum:** Yes – 9 members present.
2. **Acceptance of the Minutes:** It was moved by Stephen Porter and seconded by Clarissa Porter to accept the minutes from November 16, 2021. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Adjustments to the agenda:** None
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **COVID Update:** Mrs. London shared that we have been experiencing an enormous number of students in quarantine as well as some positive cases here at Region Two. She also shared that she is very proud of the instructors and their ability to keep students engaged using zoom and distance learning activities; she is confident that learning has continued throughout these difficult transitions. Every effort is made to provide instructors with the resources and materials needed to be successful during these challenging periods of remote learning (ex. technology, equipment, software updates, etc.).
6. **MELMAC Update:** The team continues to meet monthly with the MELMAC coach, and the December meeting was held here yesterday. Region Two is working hard to keep up the visits to colleges and businesses whenever possible; when COVID restrictions interfere, visits are conducted over zoom or by having representatives visit students here at Region Two. Industry visits continue to be successful; Auto Collision will be taking one next week to introduce students to local employment opportunities in their field.  
Region Two staff have continued to participate in professional development through MELMAC; last week members participated in a workshop with Educate Maine that provided a wide variety of professional development applicable to current circumstances in educational settings. Members of the MELMAC team have joined the Maine Resiliency Building Network to support students' socially and emotionally during these difficult times. Three staff also participated in ACTE virtually the first week of December. The MELMAC team utilized funds to provide each Region Two student with a promotional T-Shirt which will be distributed over the next few days. Mrs. London also shared that our coach has authorized some spending for things that wouldn't normally be considered MELMAC expenses, but due to the limitations for in-person visits

MELMAC has been willing to provide what is needed for distance visits to be successful and meaningful.

7. **Mechanical Systems/ EMT / Outdoor Leadership Programs** – Mrs. London wanted to combine these three agenda items as there are common concerns among all three programs. The first issue is where to house each of these programs. The first thought with Outdoor Leadership was to place it at Southern Aroostook as Region Two has the space in that facility already, however after visiting the Katahdin School Board Meeting, they offered space at their school. After much reflection Mrs. London would like to have it closer to the center to increase access to all students. If there was a bucket of money to do so Mrs. London’s preference would be to put a building out back to house at least two of the programs; Mechanical Systems needs a new location as well. Mrs. London shared that the funds Mr. Keaton spoke of before he left *were* approved, but it is being awarded on a needs-basis not an equal split. Last she was updated that was with the lawyers and needed to still go through the DOE so it is impossible to anticipate what that might look like or when it would be available. In addition to housing for these three programs Region Two will need instructors for each of the program. Mrs. London intends to begin thinking about this after the first of the year and intends to advertise as an “anticipated opening”, because the third worry is students and enrollment. This year there were only two students interested in EMT this year. We currently have five enrolled in MST. Outdoor leadership could include 15 student each year for a total of 30. Mrs. London shared that all sending schools will be participating in student tours that includes all 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will present all 13 programs during these tours; Mrs. London hopes to get a better sense of enrollment numbers after this event.  
The board chair asked if any members had questions about any of the concerns with these programs. Larry asked if there would be a collaboration with Katahdin Woods and Water National Monument Partnership for Outdoor Leadership? Mrs. London confirmed that yes, that was the thought with the Southern Aroostook/Katahdin locations but putting the program at those sites may be a barrier for Houlton, Hodgdon and East Grand students to enroll. Laura shared that Katahdin Woods and Water National Monument currently have 6 employees but they are expecting that to expand to 24 employees over the next 5 years, which could be facilitated by students enrolled in the program.
8. **Region Two Draft Calendar** – January 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs. London will meet with the superintendents to create the calendars for next school year.
9. **Program Updates** – Mrs. London provided updates for each program. See attached.
10. **Executive Session** – It was moved by Stephen Porter and seconded by Larry Greenlaw to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter, per 1 MRSA Section 405(6) at 6:24. Adjourned the executive session at 6:58

11. **Adjournment** – It was moved by Stephen Porter and seconded by Clarissa Porter to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

12. **Next Meeting** - January 11, 2022

**ATTENDANCE**

Laura Farnsworth	RSU # 50
Clarissa Porter	RSU # 70
Stephen Porter	RSU # 50
Larry Greenlaw	RSU # 50
Ellen Askren	RSU # 29
Mark Ganzel	RSU # 70
Fred Grant	RSU # 29
Elizabeth Gillis	RSU # 84
Scott White	RSU # 29
Ammie London	Region Two
Alison Britton	Region Two