

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
October 12, 2021
6:00 PM
Skowhegan Area High School –Library

Committee Attendance: Amy Rouse, Desiree Libby, Peggy Lovejoy
Quorum was not achieved

Also Present: Jon Moody, Mark Hatch, Heather Perry, Jim Boothby, Tracie Travers, Wendy Ault, Craig Larrabee, David Dorr

JMG/ASPIRE Program Presentation

Wendy Ault, Executive Director of the MELMAC Foundation, was joined by Craig Larabee, President and CEO of Jobs for Maine’s Graduates (JMG); Tracie Travers, Vice President of Workforce Development at JMG; and Superintendents Heather Perry from Gorham, and Jim Boothby from RSU 25. Wendy began the meeting by informing the Committee that MSAD 54 has been chosen for the next ASPIRE grant, a grant provided through a collaboration with the MELMAC Foundation and JMG. Wendy shared that MSAD 54 was selected for the grant as a result of the strong leadership that the district had in place, and a belief that the ASPIRE grant would flourish under that leadership.

The ASPIRE grant is about raising aspirations district-wide, Pre-K through Grade 12, and fostering, developing, and expanding strong integrated partnerships in the community to support this effort. The district will have a year, with the assistance of two paid positions as well as the shared expertise of JMG and the Gorham and RSU25 school districts, to develop exactly what MSAD 54’s ASPIRE program will look like.

Although the grant amount will vary based on how MSAD 54 decides to proceed in its planning year, the Superintendents shared that their five-year grants were in the neighborhood of one million dollars.

Future EPPC Items

- Additional policy review
- Data Review