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Michael A. Gallagher  
Superintendent of Schools

**Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Warsaw Middle School Library  
April 4, 2011, 6:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

Present: Barbara Basford, Christine Cookson, Peter Snow, Anne Miller, Faye Anderson, Sandy Nevens, Stacy Shorey, Mike Gallagher

**I. Coordinated School Health Program Grant**

Mr. Gallagher reported on a grant submitted in February to the state for funding for a School Health Coordinator. Since that report we have learned that we received the grant funding. The five-year award will begin with the coming school year. The School Health Coordinator is an administrative position responsible for establishing and implementing a health plan with emphasis on tobacco prevention and nutrition. A requirement of the grant is to employ a certified health teacher at the middle school level. Currently, Mr. Delano teaches health to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The grant action plan calls for adding a half-time health teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

**II. Curriculum Committee Updates**

Mrs. Miller provided an update on current curriculum committee work and plans for next year. We are planning for science, health, gifted/talented, social studies, literacy, and math committees and the District Improvement Team.

Each committee has 10 hours of paid time available. Mr. Gallagher recommended scheduling summer work and two-hour meetings to decrease the number of meeting days and to increase productivity during meeting time.

**III. Looking Ahead: Curriculum Review Timeline**

Mrs. Miller provided an updated curriculum review cycle timeline. The cycle schedules curriculum review in each of the content strands of the Maine Learning Results

every five years. Work in the coming years will include alignment to the newly adopted Common Core State Standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne V. Miller  
Curriculum Specialist

**Curriculum Committee**

Barbara Basford (Chair)  
Christine Cookson  
Peter Snow

**Administrators**

Anne Miller  
Faye Anderson  
Sandy Nevens  
Stacy Shorey  
Mike Gallagher