

The following is an update on the implementation of Student-Centered Education in RSU2. As you can see, teachers and administrators in RSU2 have been actively learning more strategies to add to their instructional tool kit. Our goal is to improve student learning!

September 1, 2010 82.3% of teachers in RSU2 commit to working to transition to a school system that is more student focused in order to improve student learning and student motivation.

September 2010 The School Board Ad Hoc Committee meets to plan the public shared visioning session for teach town.

September 22, 2010 Meeting with Wanda Monthey at DOE. Linda Laughlin RSU18, John Davis Milford/Jackman, and Chris Chamberlain RSU2.

October 21, 2010 Maine School Management Association Fall Conference - presentation by Don Siviski and Chris Chamberlain.

October 2010 The Ad Hoc Committee joins the Curriculum Director and Administrators in hosting the public shared visioning meetings in each town.

November 9, 2010 Presentation to the Kennebec Valley Superintendent's Association by Chris Chamberlain RSU2 and Linda Laughlin RSU18.

December 3, 2010 Great Schools Partnership/ Smaller Learning Communities Meeting at Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Presentation by Chris Chamberlain and Greg Henderson on standards-based systems including grading.

December 15, 2010 Presentation to the State Board of Education by Don Siviski and Chris Chamberlain.

December 2010 26 teachers from RSU2 attended a three-day training to become "Advanced Beacons"; teachers who are the front-runners in the transition to more student-centered schools.

December 2010 All administrators in RSU2 attended a two-day training to better understand second-order change, to deepen our understanding of student-centeredness, and to learn more facilitation skills to use at meetings with faculty and community.

December 2010 55 students from RSU2 participated in a one-day training on how our schools are changing, and why, and to give input on how we can improve our schools.

December 2010 - January 2011 15 teachers from RSU2 worked with Bea McGarvey of Marzano Research Associates, Diana Doiron of the Department of Education, and teachers from the other 5 cohorts to create measurement topics (standards) to be used to guide instruction.

January 2011 - 45 Beacon teachers in RSU2 attended a Dine and Discuss session after-school to share ideas about instructional strategies.

January 2011 - Curriculum Director and some principals shadow RISC trainers in classroom visits.

January 31/February 1, 2011 Thirteen people from RSU2 attended a "Guide Training" to learn more facilitation strategies so that we can begin to run our own training.

September - ongoing The Ad Hoc Committee met several times to finalize the RSU2 Shared Vision. The recent task of the Ad Hoc Committee was to help create a community survey to be used in the spring of 2011, fall 2011, January 2012, and May 2012 to monitor community reaction to the changes in our schools.

September - ongoing Administrators meet every two weeks to work on the strategic plan for the implementation of the student-centered school system.

September - ongoing Early Release Days and staff meetings focus on sharing instructional strategies to better meet the needs of all students.

September - January Regularly scheduled Beacon Teacher meetings facilitated by Deborah Emery for the purpose of sharing what works in classrooms.

September - ongoing Curriculum Director meets monthly with Curriculum Directors of the 5 cohorts and a Department of Education rep to plan future professional development.

September - ongoing Principals meet every other month with principals from the other 5 cohorts to discuss strategies to ensure successful transition to student-centered schools.

September - ongoing Monthly parent meeting held at HDHS to discuss topics related to standards-based instruction and grading hosted by Guidance Director, Principal, and Curriculum Director.

***Future training:***

15 RSU2 teachers will attend a 3-day Advanced Beacon training in Waterboro in March.  
12 RSU2 teachers will attend a 4-day Beacon Teacher training in Waterboro in March.  
35 RSU2 teachers will attend a 4-day Beacon Teacher training in Waterville in March.  
100 custodians, bus drivers, kitchen employees, secretaries, IT ed techs, and Central Office personnel will attend training on March 16<sup>th</sup> to become aware of the changes in our schools and our efforts to improve student learning.  
35 RSU2 teachers will attend a 4-day Beacon Teacher training in Waterville in May.

***Tentative Future training:***

March/April A two-day workshop on Student Leadership for students in RSU2 and RSU18.  
June A two-day assessment workshop in Oakland with Bea McGarvey of Marzano Research Labs.  
August Beacon and Advanced Beacon training in the Oakland/Augusta area.  
August A two-day workshop with Marzano Research Labs on the Art and Science of Teaching.  
August A three-day course called “Studying Skillful Teaching” by the Research for Better Teaching.