



Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Highlights

- We were fortunate to host a grant-funded Youth Mental Health First Aid training on 8/22; the all-day training was very well received by participants. We're working with NAMI-Maine to run an adapted version of the training for educators of younger students.
- LMS and RSU #34 once again did a fine job hosting Tech Academy on 8/23 for the Penobscot River Educational Partnership; we started this event locally in the mid-2000s, and expanded to make it a PREP event in 2012. This regional partnership approach brings in a great variety of presenters, including several of our in-house experts! Much thanks to Danny Schlaefer for coordinating logistics, to our IT folks for facilitating network access by a host of visitors with many different devices, and to RSU #34 Food Service for great snacks, coffee, and lunch.
- We were proud on Thursday 8/24 to attend the culmination of Jessie Dumont's training with the TREKKERS organization. Jessie worked very hard this summer to train on the programming principles that will make our grant-funded River Runners youth mentoring effort with the YMCA a fantastic long-term success.
- Our teachers were busy this summer finishing the initial implementation of Atlas Rubicon, the curriculum management system we've been shifting onto since 2014. The system shows 8,592 curriculum updates this summer! One of our purposes for this shift was to help provide a great starting point for new teachers; this summer as we hired staff I was able to immediately connect them to detailed unit plans shared by their colleagues and predecessors, so they could begin to prepare for their work with students. We now shift into maintaining and enhancing this hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Doty

Every student deserves to make continuous progress in school.