1. **Call to Order** The Curriculum Committee meeting held at Litchfield Center School and via teleconference was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Alexandrea Papp.

   Members present: Alexandrea Papp, Chair, Emily Cole, and Bill Davenport. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent, Kristen Della Volpe, Assistant Superintendent, Janelle Carroll, Joanne Moore, Tiffany Parkhouse, Andrew Tita, and Jennifer Munson.

2. **Program of Studies – Discussion**
   
   Mr. Leone solicited feedback from the committee on the Litchfield High School (LPS) and Wamogo High School Program of Studies. Discussion ensued. Some highlights of the discussion included consideration of Advanced Placement (AP) courses versus Early College Experience (ECE) courses, establishing graduation requirements, and potentially revamping the course enrollment process. (i.e. fully digitalize). Of note, Joanne Moore commented the Ag program “is unbelievably impressive.”

   The Program of Studies discussion segued into the next agenda item.

3. **Program of Studies – Survey**
   
   The committee discussed conducting a survey of LPS and Wamogo students to garner feedback on their views of Region 20 and what it will do for their future, academically, and on the Program of Studies. Sample student surveys were provided for consideration. With the support of the committee, Mr. Leone explained in order to proceed; Region 20 will need approval from the LPS and RSD6 Boards of Education to survey their students. He also outlined the following timeline: Board survey approvals in early December, execute survey in mid December, and provide survey results to the Curriculum committee in January.

   A tutorial on Career Pathways will be a future agenda item.

4. **Discussion on Connecticut Approved K-3 Core Comprehensive Reading Curricula/Programs (Curriculum & Screener)**
   
   Mr. Leone opened this topic by providing background information by sharing the CSDE was to release requirements for Connecticut Approved K-3 Core Comprehensive Reading Curricula/Programs on July 1, 2022. On September 30, 2022, ninety days later, the CSDE released the state-approved reading programs. The approved reading program(s) must be implemented by all public school districts effective in the 2023-2024 school year. By December 16, 2022, districts are required to notify the CSDE of the implementation of an approved curriculum/program, submit an application requesting a waiver or request a one year extension.

   The CSDE has received push back and challenges to this mandate (only 11 of the 169 districts in the state utilize these programs), disputing the process. There is the possibility this could be rolled back or delayed.
In the meantime, Mr. Leone shared the following information. Neither LPS nor RSD6 utilize the approved curricula/programs and will be applying for a one year extension. At this time, Region 20 will need to adopt a K-3 program by July 1, 2024. The cost to implement this curriculum is estimated at $100k.

The district will develop a plan to review the materials and bring forth a recommendation (with faculty input) in the second half of the year. This past week, Tracy Keilty, Principal of Goshen Center School, and Leah Smith, K-12 Humanities Coordinator began this process by attending a vendor fair organized by CREC to view the programs.

Mr. Leone will continue to monitor this topic and provide regular updates at future meetings.

5. **Scope & Sequence Template**

Ms. Della Volpe shared a model Scope & Sequence template and provided a sample completed document for review and discussion. Staff across both districts will be completing these templates for the courses they teach. The completed documents will provide the committee with an understanding of what is being taught at both districts and assist in their future work of course offerings to the Region 20 students.

This template will go to the full Board as an Action Item for approval at the December meeting.

6. **Adjourn** There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem