

**Northshore School District**  
**CURRICULUM MATERIALS ADOPTION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**February 7, 2022**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the CMAC was held remotely on Monday, February 7, 2022 via Zoom, and simultaneously broadcast publicly. Chairperson Obadiah Dunham called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

He explained that this is ran as a webinar and guests are waiting until they are let into the room; and how it is also broadcast over You Tube as it is official public notice for NSD.

**ATTENDANCE**

Name	Present	Absent
Obadiah Dunham <i>Chairperson</i>	X	
Niki Smith	X	
Tracy Patterson	X	
Adra Davy	X	
Shelby Reynolds <i>(Non-voting member)</i>	X	
Ayva Thomas	X	
Greg Cox	X	
Sonja Hoeft	X	
Rebecca Nielsen <i>Co-Chairperson</i>	X	
Ashley Andrews	X	
Nancy Dodson	X	
Jessica Darling		X
Janine Schmoll	X	
Kim Osgood	X	
Carolyn Urrutia	X	
Nandita Guilanians	X	
Ross Braine	X	
Fernell Miller	X	
Katrina Hilgers	X	
Jessica Kido <i>(Non-voting member)</i>	X	
Cathy Barela <i>(Non-voting member)</i>	X	

3:36pm:

Agenda shared- Introductions, Review of minutes (Dec 2021), CMAC Purpose and Roles, Assign reviewers for March, Presentation for Approval

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3:36 pm Obadiah asked committee members to review the minutes from the December 6, 2021 CMAC meeting. Explained that the CMAC folder is in google docs, Cathy added the link to the chat. This folder is only accessible for CMAC members.

It was MOVED by Greg Cox to accept as written, and SECONDED by Carolyn Urritia to approve the December 6, 2021 minutes as written. There were no opposed.

Obadiah (OB) called for the question, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

3:37 p.m.- CMAC Participant Roles and Questions to Consider when Reviewing

3:40 p.m. Assign reviewers for upcoming March 21, 2022 Meeting.

Next meeting is March 21 2022 at 3:30pm

### **Agenda:**

- K-5 ELA
  - Liaison: OB, reviewers listed below

OB explained we need 5 reviewers and asked for volunteers.

Volunteers raised hands:

1. Carolyn
2. Ashley
3. Adra
4. Sonja
5. Kim
6. Nancy

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **Pivot Interactives**

- Presented by Christy Clausen, Suzanne Black I.H.S. Science, Kelly Haupt NCHS Science

- Benefits:
  - Supplemental Resource for HS Science
    - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP Science
  - Pivot became popular during pandemic (remote learning)
  - Bank of high quality videos around various science content, amazing resource
  - Designed with intent to provide access to science investigations in a lab setting.
  - 8 years of efficacy research
  - Students found it engaging and helped learning with critical thinking skills, confidence with information gathering, taking models of science and transferring to other settings.
- Teachers testimonies (Suzanne and Kelly)
  - Able to modify
  - Grading supports provided
  - School or district license, works with Clever
- Students
  - Observe and follow along w tasks
  - Use tools to explore simulations
  - Can take a picture of final task and upload sample
  - Are provided with feedback
  - Skill levels considered

Field Test Process is organized with feedback

Feedback from Schools- used a Survey. Was used at IHS by all grades, all levels of classes.

Questions: what are costs associated? What do students think about the data features? There was no formal survey asking about their preferences, but they are responding well. How are students using it in the classrooms, in the moment? Both guest presenters are not using Pivot currently in the classroom, gave the department funding to other groups in their department.

Student Interest- Is there ways we can collect feedback from students- is this a valuable source to justify the financial impact. Anecdotal support from other staff would be helpful.

This program aligns with Goal 4, Tracy Meloy may be interested in knowing about this resource.

Recommend that Pivot Interactives be approved as district supplemental curriculum for high school science. MOTION TO ADOPT by Carolyn Urritia with condition of having data on student engagement for the next renewal (asking for presenters to return to CMAC with data before renewing) SECONDED MOTION by Greg Cox.

Discussion: perhaps a general survey from a central group similar to pilot of MS ELA program. Ask: amend to give full approval but with understanding that we would like to see student survey data in about a year, before the renewal occurs. (annual renewal fee)

Comment: it is not easy to pinpoint the one “thing” that results in student engagement and increase comprehension, but perhaps this is something educators use as a tool to engage with their students to use this program. But: some type of feedback would be helpful.

Carolyn wants to amend verbiage phrase to have no conditions.

Discussed how this can be approved with no conditions but can ask to have presenters to return in about a year, with an update.

After discussion, the original recommendation was amended as follows:

**Recommend that Pivot Interactives be approved as district supplemental curriculum for high school science. MOTION TO ADOPT by Carolyn Urritia. Seconded by Rebecca  
All in favor- no opposed.**

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Nothing to approve

OB has adjourned the meeting at 4:29pm

ADJOURNMENT