

# Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2021

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## Instructional Materials Committee

Facilitator: Fred Rundle, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services • Secretary: Vanessa Adams, Learning Services

**Present:**

Lindzie Adamson  
Jamey Balousek  
Liz Buchan  
Mary Jo Budzius  
Martina Fitzgerald  
Joseph Gushanas  
Brian Hampsh  
Molly Harnish  
Tony Ive  
Jakob John-Lewis  
Anu Vege  
Erin Wilson  
Vivian Zhou

**Absent:**

Adil Chaudrey  
Renee DeBock  
Jill Kelly  
Kati McConn  
Cindi Pacecca  
Beilan Wang  
Emily Wang

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM. Fred welcomed participants to the second meeting of the year. Due to COVID-19 school closures, the meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Fred noted that there have been no changes to the IMC board policy/procedures and that the items approved at the October IMC meeting have been launched.

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### ***Environmental Science for the AP Course 3rd Edition – Textbook*** MIHS Grades 11-12 AP Environmental Science, **Core Instructional**

**Written by:** Andrew Freidland and Rick Relyea

**Published by:** Bedford, Freeman, and Worth, 2019

**Proposal submitted by:** AP Environmental Science Adoption Committee: Julia DeBroux, MIHS science teacher, Jamie Cooke, MIHS instructional coach, Diane Nielsen, MIHS science teacher, Jen McLellan, MIHS CCR/CTE director

Julia DeBroux Jen McLellan, and Diane Nielsen presented the *Environmental Science for the AP Course 3rd Edition* proposal.

AP Environmental Science is an information-heavy course that requires a textbook. The current textbook is over 10 years old, putting it out of compliance with the College Board. Environmental science focuses on the interconnectedness of Earth's physical and biological systems. The new textbook contains thoughtful coverage of sustainability, poverty and inequality, regulations and equity, and environmental justice. The committee found this textbook engaging with a lot of math practice and case studies. The reading level is appropriate.

**Note:** Joseph Gushanas motioned to approve *Environmental Science for the AP Course 3rd Edition* as core instructional material for MIHS Grades 11-12 AP Environmental Science for the 2020-21 school year. Brian Hampsch seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.