

# Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

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## Instructional Materials Committee

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

**Present:**

Lindzie Adamson  
Liz Buchan  
Mary Jo Budzius  
Adil Chaudrey  
Renee DeBock  
Martina Fitzgerald  
Brian Hampsh  
Tony Ive  
Jakob John-Lewis  
Kristin Kim  
Kati McConn  
Anu Vege  
Beilan Wang  
Emily Wang  
Vivian Zhou

**Absent:**

Jamie Balousek  
Joseph Gushanas  
Molly Harnish  
Jill Kelly  
Cindi Pacecca

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

Fred noted that the committee is comprised of parent, faculty, and student representatives from all six schools. This provides diverse perspectives in the final phase of determining new curriculum for approval. The IMC helps ensure instructional materials align with the district's core values and mission.

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### ***Biotechnology: A Laboratory Skills Course, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition* – Textbook and eBook**

MIHS Grades 11-12 Biotechnology Research and Ethics, **Core Instructional**

**Written by:** J. Kirk Brown

**Published by:** BioRad, 2018

**Proposal submitted by:** MIHS Biotechnology Review Committee: Samantha Barnes, MIHS science teacher, Larry Bencivengo- MIHS science teacher, Jamie Cooke, MIHS science teacher, Patty Weston, MIHS instructional coach/teacher, Jen McLellan, CCR/CTE director/parent, Shifa N., Henry C., Ryan C.-Students

Jamie Cooke, Jen McLellan, and Patty Weston presented *Biotechnology: A Laboratory Skills Course*, a skill-based textbook, eBook, and lab guide. The Biotechnology, Research and Ethics course relies on an array of supplemental materials. Piloted last year, this textbook, eBook, and lab guide have proven to be excellent tools. Popular with students, the materials are well organized, easy to read, and visually appealing. They align with the educational outcomes of the district frameworks and provide timely content on research practices. The materials will also help the CCR courses stay industry-current.

**Vote:** Tony Ive motioned to approve *Biotechnology: A Laboratory Skills Course, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition* as core instructional material for MIHS Grades 11-12 Biotechnology Research and Ethics for the 2020-21 school year. Brian Hampsch seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. The motion passed.

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***Economics, 5th edition – Textbook***

MIHS Gr. 10-12 AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics – Career and Technical Education (CTE), College and Career Readiness (CCR), **Pilot Instructional**

**Written by:** Paul Krugman and Robin Wells

**Published by:** Worth Publishing, Macmillan Learning: New York, 2018

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***Economics, 21st edition – Textbook***

MIHS Gr. 10-12 AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics – Career and Technical Education (CTE), College and Career Readiness (CCR), **Pilot Instructional**

**Written by:** Campbell R. McConnell, Stanley L. Brue, and Sean M. Flynn

**Published by:** McGraw Hill, Education: New York, 2018

**Proposal submitted by:** Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee, College and Career Readiness (CCR) Committee: John Stafford- MIHS social studies and CTE teacher, Laurie Schwartzberg, MIHS math and CTE teacher, Jen McLellan, CCR/CTE coordinator

John Stafford and Jen McLellan presented two textbooks, *Economics, 5th edition* by Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, and *Economics 21st edition* by Campbell R. McConnell, Stanley L. Brue, and Sean M. Flynn.

They noted that economics has changed fundamentally over the course of the year, necessitating updated coverage of economic principles, problems, and policies. Of the two piloted books, one will ultimately replace the current text which is over 20 years old. Both books will be piloted over the course of the school year to determine which will be best for students. Both books align with the OSPI Washington State Standards for Social Studies in the field of Economics. The College Board recommends both books for their A.P. Economics courses.

**Vote:** Adil Chaudrey motioned to approve *Economics, 5th edition* as pilot instructional material for MIHS Gr. 10-12 AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics – CTE, CCR for the 2020-21 school year. Kati McConn seconded the motion. There was one abstention. The motion passed.

**Vote:** Anu Vege motioned to approve *Economics, 21st edition* as pilot instructional material for MIHS Gr. 10-12 AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics – CTE, CCR for the 2020-21 school year. Brian Hampsh seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.