

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2019

Instructional Materials Committee

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

Present:

Lindzie Adamson
Sheri Blumenthal
Jackie Brown
Kelsey Cochran
Lauren Dolby
Jenny Foster
Joseph Gushanas
Jakob John-Lewis
Matt Lavigne
Cindi Pacecca
Melanie Ready
Kelly Tran
Erin Wilson

Absent:

Jamey Balousek
Melissa Edling
Trudi Hagen
Brian Hampsh
Molly Harnish
Ciarelle Jimenez
Creighton Laughary
Lisa Stewart
Olivia Wen

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Fred welcomed participants to the second meeting of the year.

***March: Book One* – Graphic novel memoir**

IMS Gr. 6 Language Arts/Social Studies **core instructional material** for 2019-2020 and beyond.

Written by: John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell

Published by: Top Shelf Productions, 2018

Proposal submitted by: IMS Gr. 6 Language Arts Team: Melissa Gaffney, Alice Larkin, Cait Motter, and, Denise Thomas

Gr. 6 Language Arts teachers, Alice Larkin, Caitlin Motter, and Melissa Gaffney presented this graphic novel/memoir as potential core material for the Gr. 6 Language Arts expository reading/writing unit. The book presents the true story of the early life of Congressman John Lewis, a vital figure of the civil rights movement. The team believes it will be an excellent supplement and will incorporate many Common Core standards. Because graphic novels engage students, the book will help students understand significant events in American history and lead to discussions about race, prejudice, and diverse perspectives. It will tie in with the unit on Civil Rights.

Vote: Joseph Gushanas motioned to approve *March: Book one*, as core instructional material for IMS Gr. 6 Language Arts for the 2019-2020 school year. Sheri Blumenthal seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.