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Meeting Agenda

October 17, 2017

Instructional Materials Committee

Facilitator: Nova Williams, Assistant Director of Learning Services
Note Taker: Vanessa Adams, Learning Services

Welcome and Introductions

Overview of Board Policy 2019 and Procedure 2019

- Role of the Instructional Materials Committee
 - Offer a lens and perspective from various stakeholders
 - Ensure that the team bringing materials used a process to select materials
 - The IMC is not responsible for how the materials should be taught
- **Materials that come to the IMC**
 - Core Materials- used to help deliver the curriculum for *all* students in a particular class or course (textbooks, whole programs in elementary, etc.). These resources require a recommendation by the Superintendent to the School Board.
 - Pilot Materials- when curriculum adoption committees have narrowed down the choices to just two or three but need more authentic data to make a decision, the committee may choose to run a pilot. If the materials will be core materials this requires approval by the IMC.
 - Supplemental Materials- uses as supports to enhance or supplement the core curriculum. As long as they do not supplant (completely replace) the core they do not need to go through the IMC.
 - Controversial or Temporary Materials- materials that are controversial in nature are typically approved by the principal so long as they are supplemental in nature. However, a principal may ask for the IMC to provide another perspective as well. Temporary materials are also approved by the principal and reflects a current event that is not part of the ongoing curriculum.

Materials Under Review

- *Purple Hibiscus*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *American Born Chinese*, by Gene Luen Yang

Future Meetings (4:00 PM in the Boardroom)

January 16, 2018 • March 20, 2018 • May 29, 2018

Adjourn

Members: Ahisha Avant, David Baxter, Carol Best, Jackie Brown, Kelsey Cochran, Lauren Dolby, Andrea Dunbar, Alice Finch, Jeff Geoghagan, Kristin Kim, Creighton Laughary, Matthew Lavigne, Channing Martin, Ursula Panagiotou, Jamie Prescott, Anne Rubin, Fred Rundle, Kathy Shaner, Lisa Stewart, Rohan Tatum, Laura Totten, Kelly Tran, Scott Weiss, Brigit White