



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Resources Committee Meeting

Date: October 2, 2023

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: District Training Center-South

Facilitator: Sheryl Chariton, Curriculum Specialist and Matt Lersch, Assistant Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Administrator Representative** – Jean Koeppen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Jon Altmann, High School History
 - Debbie Arn, 4th Grade
 - Matthew Bustos, High School History
 - Alexus Crockett, 7/8th Grades
 - Candace Davis, High School History
 - Melisa Fair, 8th Grade
 - Max Foster, 3rd Grade
 - Lisa Howe, High School History
 - Haley Kolseth, 4th Grade
 - Heather Neely, 6th Grade
 - Angela Neglio, 8th Grade
 - Dr. Von Perot, Psychology/AP Psychology
 - Kelly Romm, 3rd Grade, Core Knowledge
 - Guadalupe Soto Rodriguez, 6th Grade, DLI
 - Katina Teubner, elementary special education
 - Nanci Walker, ELL Instructional Coach
- **Principal Representative** – Jamie Roberson
Joey Ruppel
- **Parent Representative** – Laura Hill
Jamie Katz
Trevor Nelson
Natalie Okeke
Matt Rinn

Purpose of Committee: The Curriculum and Instruction Department will be facilitating the committee process for establishing a K-12 social studies curriculum resource adoption to propose to the Governing Board. As part of this process, the committee will be considering traditional publisher resources, online programs, and open source curriculum resources for this adoption.

Purpose: To review the curriculum resource adoption process and create a rubric to use to make clear recommendations of K-12 social studies curriculum resources.

Outcomes:

- A shared understanding of the process.
- A rubric to use so we are prepared to begin evaluating curriculum resources.
- An evaluation of the current social studies curriculum.

Minutes

I. Welcome

A. Indicators of Success: A model was reviewed of how to look at indicators of success of each committee meeting and the adoption process overall. This includes:

- a. **Propose Results Indicators:** Completion of the task, achievement of the goal
- b. **List Process Indicators:** How the work gets “done,” how the work is designed and managed, how the work is monitored and evaluated
- c. **List Relationship Indicators:** interactions between members, involvement of committee members, trust and respect among committee members

B. Introductions: Committee members introduced themselves.

C. Purpose of Committee:

- a. The purpose of the committee was reviewed. To establish a K-12 social studies curriculum resource adoption to propose to the Governing Board. As part of this process, the committee will be considering traditional publisher resources, online programs, and open source curriculum resources for this adoption.
- b. The purpose of tonight’s meeting was to review the curriculum resource adoption process and create a rubric to use to make clear recommendations of K-12 social studies curriculum resources.

II. Committee Process

A. Participant Agreements: Committee members agreed to norms, which include respect of all members, stay focused on the topic, commitment of time. Open meeting laws and guidelines are being met and followed.

B. Decision Making Process & Timeline: The decision making process using consensus was reviewed along with the dates of upcoming meetings.

III. Areas to Consider While Evaluating Curriculum

- A. The committee reviewed and made changes through the consensus process to a rubric. The rubric will be used to evaluate the incoming RFPs and to possibly use during the vendor presentations.

IV. Social Studies Curriculum

- A. Due to the amount of time it took to create the rubric, the social studies standards and current curriculum were not reviewed.

V. Meeting Evaluation

- A. Committee member discussion and review of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm