

Draft Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Instructional Materials Committee

Facilitator: Jamie Prescott, Director of Learning Services • Secretary: Vanessa Adams, Learning Services

Present

Mary Jo Budzius
Roxane Chan
Beth Christofferson
Chris Cocklin-Ray
Sharon Jarnigan
Alex Perry
Mia Shi
Brittney Starks
Kim Thomas

Absent

Alyson Burks
Adil Chaudrey
Tyler Duell
Liz Evans
Ryan Hsi
Kati McConn
Erica Ottesen
Sophia Prock
Kristy Siekhaus
Beilan Wang
Alexandra Weil
Jon Wollmuth
Vivian Zhou

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM and held via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Review of 3-21-23 IMC Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the draft minutes of the 3-21-2023 meeting.

Vote: Alex Perry motioned to approve the minutes as written. Roxane Chan seconded. The motion passed.

Marine Science – Textbook and supporting materials

Grades 9-12 Marine Science/CTE at MIHS and Crest – **Core Instructional Material**

Written by: Peter Castro and Michael Huber

Published by: McGraw Hill, 2019

Proposal submitted by the Marine Science Textbook Adoption Committee: Elysse Forester-MIHS Teacher/Marine Scientist, Jen McLellan-MIHS Administrator, Jamie Cooke-MIHS Science Teacher/Instructional Coach, Janelle Honeycutt-Parent/Community Member/Staff, Bev vanHartesvelt-Staff/Community Member/Master Gardener

Elysse Forester and Jen McLellan presented the proposal. They shared that the textbook and its accompaniments align with NGSS standards and Ocean Literacy Standards, which are deeply embedded in the course framework for the Marine Science class. The NGSS standards are the science standards for Washington State and the Ocean Literacy Standards are the leading standards in the country for Marine related education. The textbook closely follows the framework for the Marine Science course and includes current scientific research as well as hands-on labs. It provides rigorous but engaging content, is more culturally sensitive, and is the most recently published of other books reviewed. Elysse plans to add locally relevant phenomena and hands-on opportunities.

Vote: Mary Jo Budzius motioned to approve the *Marine Science* textbook and supporting materials as core instructional material for Grades 9-12 Marine Science/CTE for the 2023-24 school year. Beth Christofferson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Mercer Island School District
Learning Services**

Human Geography: A Spatial Persepective – Textbook

Grade 9 Elective Honors Human Geography and Climate Change – **Core Instructional Material**

Written by: Bednarz, et al.

Published by: National Geographic Learning, 2021

Proposal submitted by the MIHS Social Studies Department: Amanda Mattocks-MIHS Social Studies Teacher, David Willecke-MIHS Social Studies Teacher, Ed Puchalla- MIHS Social Studies Teacher, Lance Kinsey- MIHS Social Studies Teacher, John Stafford- MIHS Social Studies Teacher, Melanie Vandenberg- MIHS Social Studies Teacher, Tyson Peters- MIHS Social Studies Teacher, Jamie Robertson- MIHS Social Studies Teacher, Dino Annet- MIHS Social Studies Teacher

David Willecke and Amanda Mattocks presented the proposal. They shared that the Social Studies Department reviewed several core textbooks for the new Human Geography course. They felt that the National Geographic publication was the best fit and it scored the highest on the social studies curriculum rubric. Many student reviewers felt that the book looked more modern, with large graphs and images to analyze. They also found it to be a very readable, visually pleasing book, and liked that key terms were both bolded and highlighted.

This National Geographic textbook is the AP Edition, which corresponds to the AP units for Human Geography, as set out by the College Board. Units five, six, and seven follow land usage and development, which supports the Climate Change denotation in the course title. The new textbook will be used in the new class at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Note: Sharon Jarnigan motioned to approve the *Human Geography: A Spatial Persepective* as core instructional material for Grade 9 Elective Honors Human Geography and Climate Change for the 2023-24 school year. Chris Cocklin-Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Possible August meeting

Jamie advised the committee about a possible meeting in August to review a request from MIHS about a reading project.

Goodbye to departing committee members

Jamie acknowledged the departing committee members who have completed three-year terms, Mary Jo Budzius, Adil Chaudrey, Kati McConn, Beilan Wang, and Vivian Zhou, as well as to our graduating seniors, Ryan Hsi, Sophia Prock, Mia Shi, and Alexandra Weil. Jamie expressed her appreciation to them all for really listening to what is being presented and providing different perspectives and thoughtful consideration of curriculum materials.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.