



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Resources Committee Meeting

Date: November 6, 2023

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: District Training Center-South

Facilitator: Sheryl Chariton, Curriculum Specialist

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
Tracy Conrad, 7/8th Grade
Alexus Crockett, 7/8th Grade
Marisa Fair, 8th Grade
Max Foster, 3rd Grade
Lisa Howe, High School History
Alexia Isais, 7th Grade
Haley Kolseth, 4th Grade
Heather Neely, 6th Grade
Angela Neglio, 8th Grade
Dr. Von Perot, Psychology/AP Psychology
Kelly Romm, 3rd Grade, Core Knowledge
Katina Teubner, elementary special education
Nanci Walker, ELL Instructional Coach

- **Principal Representative** – Erica Rodgers, Dean
- **Parent Representative** –
Laura Hill
Jamie Katz
Trevor Nelson
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 use the rubric to evaluate curriculum resources to narrow the Request For Proposals (RFP) to recommend 3, no more than 5, vendors to present to the committee in the near future.

Outcomes:

An evaluation of other social studies curriculum.

Review rubrics and choose vendors for presentations.

Minutes

I. Welcome

A. 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 use the rubric to evaluate curriculum resources to narrow the Request For Proposals (RFP) to recommend 3, no more than 5, vendors to present to the committee in the near future.

B. Participant Agreements

- 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.

II. Areas to Consider While Evaluating Curriculum

- A. Discussed the committee's rubric compared to the Governing Board policy about textbook/supplementary materials selection and adoption to ensure alignment.
- B. Criteria of areas to consider while evaluating curriculum was discussed and agreed upon.

III. Social Studies Curriculum

- A. Grade level bands reviewed vendors using the rubric and discussion occurred to rank vendors.

IV. Narrow RFPs for Vendor Presentations

- A. Consensus was made between the grade level bands to invite five vendors to make presentations to the committee about their curriculum.

V. Meeting Evaluation

A. Committee member discussion and review of the meeting.

VI. **Call to the Public**

A. A community member brought a concern to the committee about information included in a teacher's edition from one of the vendors.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm