



**MINUTES OF SECONDARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM ADOPTION
COMMITTEE 2023-2024
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
SUSD Oak Campus, 7501 E Oak St, Scottsdale, AZ 85257**

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023 Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:39PM.

2. Welcome

Johanna Kaiser

3. Attendance

Present: Nagib Balfakih, Michael Bengert, Rissel Langbacker, Jen MacColl, Jodi Meyers, Steve Millam, Providence Ryan, Paula Sabato, Kim Salaway, Micah Sandys

Absent: Marissa Blanco-Johnson, Christopher Donovan, Julie Koshy, Jaclyn Papa, Michelle Watt

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

4. Approval of 10/19/2023 Meeting Agenda - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item
Johanna Kaiser

- Motion: Paula Sabato moved to approve the agenda for October 19, 2023 as written.
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Michael Bengert
- Vote: A vote was taken, and the motion passed with a unanimous decision.

5. Open Meeting Laws, Public Records, and Conflict of Interest

Nicholas B Buzan, Esq., Legal Council for Scottsdale Unified School District

- Committee members received an overview of state and local regulations for District committees. Topics included in the presentation were open meeting laws, public records requests, and conflict of interest. Conflict of Interest Forms were passed out and signed by present committee members.

6. Committee Goals

Johanna Kaiser

- Reviewed the goals and purpose for the committee and related SUSD's Strategic plan goals. It was emphasized that the committee's decisions will be presented as recommendations to the SUSD Governing Board.

7. Committee Norms and Expectations

Johanna Kaiser

- Reviewed group norms and the consensus decision-making process.
- Discussed committee member binders.

8. Committee Timeline

Johanna Kaiser

- An overview of the adoption process was discussed. Reviewed meeting dates, vendor deadlines, public review window, vendor presentation days, and Governing Board meetings.

9. Arizona Science Standards Overview

Johanna Kaiser

- Committee members received a brief overview of the Arizona Science Standards, three-dimensional science instruction, instructional shifts in science education, and the similarities and differences between Arizona Science Standards vs. Next Generation Science Standards.

10. Vendor Criteria Letter

Johanna Kaiser

- Reviewed the Vendor Invitation Letter and Criteria. Discussed and added the request for evidence of efficacy of science curriculum in improving student learning outcomes for the committee to have during the materials review process.

11. Arizona Department of Education Resources

Johanna Kaiser

- Committee members were shown a slide in the presentation that contained links to Arizona Department of Education's resources on Arizona Science Standards and Guidance for Evaluating High Quality Instructional Science Materials.

12. Future Meetings

Johanna Kaiser

- Monday, October 30, 2023, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM, SUSD's Oak Campus.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM

Dated this day, Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023.