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**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: Monday, December 11, 2023 Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Nagib Belfakih, Michael Bengert, Marissa Blanco-Johnson, Julie Koshy, Rissel Langbacker, Jen MacColl, Jodi Meyers, Steve Millam, Jaclyn Papa, Providence Ryan, Paula Sabato, Kim Salaway, Micah Sandys, Michelle Watt.

Absent: Christopher Donovan.

Chairperson(s), Committee Support -

Present: Kim Dodds Keran, Johanna Kaiser, Dede Johnston

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

3. Approval of 12/11/2023 Meeting Agenda - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item
Johanna Kaiser

- Motion: was made by Michelle Watt
- Seconded: by Michael Bengert
- Motion was approved by all

4. Approval of Minutes from 12/04/2023 - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item
Johanna Kaiser

- Motion: was made by Michael Bengert
- Seconded: Providence Ryan
- Motion was approved by all

5. Review of Materials -

The committee reviewed the Materials Review Guidelines. Groups then began reviewing materials.

Recap of Group Work:

- Group A (Earth and Space Science, Oceanography/Astronomy) - The group members examined a variety of materials. Johanna addressed the group's inquiry from the previous

meeting about potential updates. The publishers indicated that no immediate updates were planned, but necessary revisions would be made available on their online platforms. The group sought additional details and clarity on teacher resources, guides, and annotated student books for the Oceanography/Astronomy materials. Dede Johnston will contact the representatives for this information, and Johanna will provide an update at the next meeting.

- Group B (Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science, Zoology/Botany) - The group members continued their review of various materials. Johanna responded to the group's earlier request for additional textbooks for the Zoology/Botany course by presenting three currently adopted Biology and AP Biology textbooks. Subject to approval from SUSD's procurement department, more materials will be requested from vendors. Open Education Resource (OER) options will be researched and made available for the group's review at the next meeting. The group also deliberated on the challenges and advantages of adopting a new curriculum, as well as discussed the support teachers would require for its implementation.
- Group C (Honors Astrophysics) - The group members proceeded with their review of materials. As a follow-up to the 12/4 meeting, Johanna introduced the Open Education Resource (OER) used by the dual enrollment partner, Scottsdale Community College, which the group now has access to review. The group deliberated on the lifespan of the adopted materials and the mechanism for accessing updates. They also requested information on whether organizations supporting OER materials had the resources to participate in Vendor Presentations if needed. Johanna will conduct this research and provide an update at the next meeting.

6. Overview of Public Review

Johanna Kaiser

- Public Display/Review began Monday, Monday, December 11, 2023. Information was shared with the committee about what is posted to the website. The committee was given an overview of what happens when a person comes to review and provide feedback on materials.
- A question was asked regarding posting public review feedback on the committee's website. Dr. Dodds-Keran would ask procurement and legal departments and follow-up with the committee at the next meeting.

7. Future Meetings

Johanna Kaiser

- Monday, December 18th, 2023 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM
at SUSD Oak Campus 7501 E. Oak St., Scottsdale, AZ 85257
- The committee discussed the tentative meeting scheduled for January 8th and discussed making a decision at the close of the 12/18 meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Dated this day, Monday, December 11, 2023.