



**MINUTES OF
PreK - 5 English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Adoption Committee
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
Mohave District Annex (MDA) 8500 E. Jackrabbit Rd., Scottsdale AZ 85258**

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Diane Murphy.

Attendance

Present: Jennifer Bethke, Candy Bloch, Mahlaima Boemark, Remi Braca, Sheena Byerley, Amanda Chilcher, Pat Collofello, Lindsey Denny, Kim Dodds Keran, Alison Ellis, Jennifer Fox, Liz Gardemann, Beth Greene, Emma Goetz, Colleen Harrison, Kaia Hart, Christopher Hodo, Katie Honeycutt, Samantha Janka, Dede Johnston, Keri Katz, Cherie Kujawa, Mickaela Leopold, Amber Lindsey, Brianna Maxwell, Diane Murphy, Briana Reed, Kendall Regan, Kate Russo, Cathy Skinner, Lori Soble, Linda Tardie, Raquel Thomas, Meghan Tipton, Jesse Torres, Nichole Viderman, Michelle Woulfe.

Absent: Julie Ballard, Christine Bonow, Tyler Cary, Sarah Dorn, Briana Gillette, Nicole Hamilton, Sarah Prado, Magdalin Leonardo, Patty Malley, Shelley Pappas, Sarah Yaron

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

2. Review and Approval of Minutes From February 1, 2023

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- Committee Members reviewed the minutes. It was noted that there were some typos in the spelling of some members' names.
- A motion was made by Diane Murphy, to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Cany Bloch; motion passed, amended minutes approved.

3. Review of Committee Agenda, Purpose, Norms and Expectations

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- A review of the committee's purpose and norms was discussed.
- Each table discussed the suggested reading from the Feb. 1, 2023 meeting; *Science of Reading*, by The Reading League.
- Consensus Decision Making reviewed. Everyone's voice needs to be heard; the decision is the will of the group not the individual.

4. Arizona K-5 ELA Standards

Diane Murphy, PreK-5 ELA Coach

- Committee members were asked to complete a worksheet:
What do you want an SUSD child to know and be able to do?

5. Science of Reading (SOR) Research

Diane Murphy, PreK-5 ELA Coach

- Arizona is 1 of 10 states that is defined as a Science of Reading (SOR) state.
- Research shows that reading is NOT natural and needs to be explicitly taught in a systematic way.
- Scarborough's Reading Rope: Word recognition and Language comprehension.
- A short video was shown.
- Decoding (D) x Language Comprehension (LC) = Reading Comprehension (RC)
- Examples of what IS supported and what is NOT supported were reviewed.
- Orthographic Mapping was discussed. Tap it, Map it, Graph it; Teach foundational skills using phonemic awareness, letter- sound, syllable types, syllable divisions.
- Sound Walls and Vowel Valleys (not Word Walls) were discussed.
- Each committee member was asked to write down some sight words using the long /a/, long /e/ and long /i/.
- Typical vs. Structured Literacy was discussed.
- Decodable Texts
- Committee members were asked to write down "Red Flags" in our current ELA curriculum that are not supported by SOR, then prioritize the list.

6. Evidence-based Literacy Research

Diane Murphy, PreK-5 ELA Coach

- Committee members were asked to read the first page of the handout, *Evidence-based Research to support Elementary Curriculum and Instruction*.
- Tables then participated in a Jigsaw activity regarding the information read.

7. Future Meeting:

Diane Murphy, PreK-5 ELA Coach

Monday, February 13, 2023 4:00 - 6:00 PM MDA

Focus: *Literacy Data*

Tuesday, February 22, 2023 4:00 - 6:00 PM MDA

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:00 - 6:00 PM MDA

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 4:00 - 6:00 PM MDA

Homework: Read the ESSA Tiers of Evidence handout

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Dated this day, February 8, 2023