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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 18, 2023 Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Christopher Donovan, Steve Millam

Chairperson(s), Committee Support -

Present: Kim Dodds Keran, Johanna Kaiser, Dede Johnston

The group reviewed Committee Norms.

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

3. Approval of 12/18/2023 Meeting Agenda - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item
Johanna Kaiser

- Motion was made by Paula Sabato
- Seconded by Michael Bengert
- Motion was approved by all

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

- Motion was made by Providence Ryan
- Seconded by Nagib Balfakih
- Motion was approved by all

5. Review of Materials -

The committee reviewed the Materials Review Guidelines. Groups were provided with the number of reviews already completed per material by group as of 12/15/2023. Groups then began reviewing materials.

Recap of Group Work:

- Group A (Earth and Space Science, Oceanography/Astronomy) -
 - The members continued to review materials. At the previous meeting, the group requested further information and clarity on teacher resources, guides, and annotated student books for the Oceanography/Astronomy materials. Johanna provided the following update: After reaching out, publishers' representatives clarified that no extra printed teacher materials were available beyond what had already been provided. Vendors indicated that if not provided in print, teacher materials were accessible online.
- Group B (Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science, Zoology/Botany) -
 - Group members reviewed materials. In response to the group's request at a previous meeting for additional materials for the Zoology/Botany course, Johanna provided the following update: Vendor letters, with the updated request specific for Zoology/Botany, were sent out on 12/13. The requested additional materials are due by 12/22 and, pending submissions, will be available for committee review at the meeting on 01/08/2024.
- Group C (Honors Astrophysics) -
 - The members continued their review of materials. During the meeting on 12/11, the group inquired if organizations supporting OER (Open Educational Resources) had the capacity to participate in vendor presentations, if required. Johanna updated that an inquiry was made for the possibility of a vendor presentation from the OER used by Scottsdale Community College (SUSD's Dual-Enrollment partner). As of the start of the meeting on 12/18, no response had been received to this query.

6. Public Review

Johanna Kaiser

- Current public review feedback submissions: 0
- Materials are on display and are available for the public to view at Oak Campus (7501 E Oak, Scottsdale, AZ 85257) Room 139 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on school days.

7. Future Meetings

Johanna Kaiser

- Next Meeting: Monday, January 8th, 2024 from 3:30 - 5:30 at SUSD Oak Learning Campus, 7501 E Oak, Scottsdale, AZ 85257
 - Although this meeting was initially discussed as tentative, it has now been confirmed and will proceed with all groups in attendance.
- Clarifications were made regarding assigned Vendor Presentation Days:
 - Vendor Presentations - Week of February 5th
 - Group A (Earth and Space Science, Oceanography/Astronomy): Tuesday, February 6
 - Group C (Astrophysics): Wednesday, February 7
 - Group B (Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science, Zoology/Botany): Thursday, February 8
 - These presentations will be held at Oak Campus. Specific times will be discussed during the 01/08/2024 meeting.
- Secondary Science Teacher Curriculum Open House, Monday, February 5, 2024, 3:00 - 5:00 at SUSD Oak Learning Campus.

- This event offers an additional opportunity beyond the Public Review hours for teachers who are not part of the Adoption Committee to review the materials and provide their feedback using the Public Review Feedback Form.
- Committee Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024 from 3:30 - 5:30 at SUSD Oak Learning Campus, 7501 E Oak, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Dated this day, Monday, December 18, 2023.