



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

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Diane Murphy

Attendance

Present: Julie Ballard, Candy Bloch, Mahlaima Boemark, Sheena Byerley, Amanda Chilcher, Pat Collofello, Lindsey Denny, Kim Dodds Keran, Alison Ellis, Liz Gardemann, Briana Gillette, Emma Goetz, Nicole Hamilton, Colleen Harrison, Kaia Hart, Christopher Hodo, Dede Johnston, Cherie Kujawa, Magdalin Leonardo, Mickaela Leopold, Amber Lindsey, Brianna Maxwell, Diane Murphy, Briana Reed, Kendall Regan, Cathy Skinner, Lori Soble, Linda Tardie, Raquel Thomas, Meghan Tipton, Jesse Torres, Nichole Viderman, Michelle Woulfe.

Absent: Jennifer Bethke, Christine Bonow, Remi Braca, Tyler Cary, Sarah Dorn, Jennifer Fox, Beth Greene, Katie Honeycutt, Samantha Janka, Keri Katz, Patty Malley, Shelley Pappas, Sarah Prado, Kate Russo, Sarah Yaron.

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

1. Roll Call and Welcome

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- Committee members were asked to introduce themselves at the table by sharing - *What Teacher made the biggest difference in your life?*

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes From February 8, 2023

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- A motion was made by Diane Murphy and seconded by Emma Goetz to approve the minutes from February 8, 2023 as written. Minutes approved.

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

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- A review of the committee's purpose and norms was discussed.
- Consensus Decision Making reviewed. It is an acceptable resolution; one that can be supported, even if it is not the "first choice" or "favorite" of each individual..

4. Arizona K - 5 ELA Standards

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- Committee members completed an activity sheet aligning reading and writing strategies with the AZ ELA standards.
- 95% of elementary students, regardless of background, are cognitively capable of learning to read when they receive sufficient direct instruction on the fundamental skills of reading.
- Science of Reading (SOR) Scarborough's Reading Rope and Simple View of Reading was reviewed - emphasizing that Reading Comprehension is the product of Language Comprehension and Word Recognition. **D x LC = RC**
- Committee members were given the 28 Red Flag warnings that are not supported by SOR created from the activity the week of Feb. 8, 2023. Each table was asked to prioritize the list to the top 10 that would be non-negotiable when reviewing ELA curriculum.

5. Evidence-based Literacy Research

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- Committee members were asked to get into groups of 6 and to complete the ELA Curriculum Evidence-based worksheet using the Literacy Research Jigsaw handout. Each committee member read a portion of the document and then shared out key ideas from their reading to the rest of the group. The small groups discussed the research and then prioritized the key finding which will become part of the criteria for reviewing ELA curriculum materials.

6. SUSD Literacy Data

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- Several slides were shown so that the committee members could see the ASSA ELA data trends.
- Questions asked:
 1. Is there cohort data for grade levels across the valley to see the +/- for grade levels?
 2. Is there a way to see patterns or a correlation between attendance in school and assessment performance?
- Committee members were asked to review the Data before the next meeting and answer this question: What does the data show us that we need to consider when considering a new ELA core curriculum?

7. Future Dates

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

Tuesday: February 21, 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

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM

Dated this day, February 13, 2023.