



**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: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Diane Murphy.

Attendance

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

Absent: Mahlaima Boemark, Remi Braca, Tyler Cary, Sarah Prado, Raquel Thomes, Sarah Yaron.

Non-Committee Attendance: Jill Scott.

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

1. Roll Call and Welcome -

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- Committee members were shown quotes made by former US Presidents. They were asked to pick the one that most resonates with them and to share why they choose it with their table mates.

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2023. -

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- A motion was made by Diane Murphy and seconded by Amber Lindsey to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023 as written. Minutes approved.

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

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- 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-

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- Committee members were asked to look at the Arizona ELA Standards that would be most important for students to use in the future in relating to these careers.
 - 1) Information Security Analysis
 - 2) Home Health Aide
 - 3) Entrepreneur

5. Review of SUSD Literacy Data -

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- Science of Reading (SOR) Scarborough’s Reading Rope was reviewed.
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- *The Writing Rope* by Joan Sedita was shared with the committee followed by table discussions about the components of the rope.
- *Top 10 Evidence Based Writing Practices* by Steven Graham was presented. Committee members viewed the practices and discussed what is currently being used in classrooms.

6. ADE and other organizations recommendations for Elementary ELA resources -

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- A document from ADE recommending minutes of instruction was reviewed, and committee members were encouraged to read the handout “90 Minute Reading Block” on their own time.
- Committee members were given sample rubrics to review created by ‘*The Reading League – Curriculum Evaluation Guidelines*’, and ‘*Structured Literacy*’ published by New Mexico Public Education Department’.
- Proposed Criteria - the Curriculum Priorities turned in at the Feb. 13, 2023 meeting were shared. Committee members worked in groups to reprioritize and shorten the list which will be used to create the rubric for evaluating/rating the sample materials, Fall of 2023.

Suggested Reading - *Curriculum Evaluation Guidelines* by The Reading League.

7. Future Dates -

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- 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 5:30 PM.

Dated this day Monday, February 21, 2023.