



APPROVED
**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: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM

2. Roll Call

Present: Marissa Blanco-Johnson, Rissel Langbacker, Michael Bengert, Michelle Watt, Steve Millam, Nagib Balfakih, Jodi Meyers.

Absent: Micah Sandys, Julie Koshy, Jen MacColl, Paula Sabato, Kim Salaway, Jaclyn Papa, Providence Ryan

Chairperson(s), Committee Support -

Present: Kim Dodds Keran, Johanna Kaiser, Dede Johnston

The group reviewed Committee Norms.

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

3. Review and Approval of 02/07/2024 Meeting Agenda - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item

Johanna Kaiser

- Motion was made by Rissel Langbacker
- Seconded by Steve Millam
- Motion was approved by all

4. McGraw Hill - *Explorations: An Introduction to Astronomy, 9th Edition* Vendor Presentation, Questions, and Discussion

Committee members viewed a presentation by Larissa Sykes and Thomas Legalley from McGraw Hill on *Explorations: An Introduction to Astronomy*. The presentation included information about the organization of the units and chapters, math content in the curriculum, extensions, Science at Work chapter sections, chapter summaries, thought questions and problems, graphics, online interactives and simulations, interactive student ebook features, Adaptive SmartBook usage and features, McGraw Hill mobile app features, and LMS digital

integration capabilities. Committee members were guided through the online platform and its resources. Committee members were provided an initial cost estimate for the product.

5. Pearson - *The Cosmic Perspective 10th Edition* and *Astronomy Today, 9th Edition* Vendor Presentation, Questions, and Discussion

Committee members viewed a presentation by Julie Wesling and Jayne Feuerbacher from Pearson/SAVVAS on the textbooks *The Cosmic Perspective* and *Astronomy Today*. The presentation included information about both textbooks having print student editions, interactive etexts, pre-lecture videos, astronomy tutorials, virtual astronomy labs, additional tutorials, study modules, learning catalytics, interactive figures, assessments systems, and a digital access platform. The presenter discussed the *Astronomy Today*'s features of planet-by-planet approach, big picture emphasis, textbook lexile level, and how the textbook organizes its topics. The presenter highlighted the following features from *The Cosmic Perspective* - current materials on black holes, insights from the James Webb Space Telescope, lexile level, and how the textbook organizes its topics. The committee members received an overview and explored the online platform and its learning catalytics, modules and tech-enhanced questions. Committee members were provided an initial cost estimate for the product.

6. Future Meetings

Johanna Kaiser

Vendor Presentations - Week of February 5th

- Group B (Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science): Thursday, February 8th 8:00 - 2:15

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 11:12 AM

Dated this day, Wednesday, February 7, 2024.