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K - 5 English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Adoption Committee
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
Laguna Elementary School, 10475 E Lakeview Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2023 Time: 9:00 – 3:30 PM

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM 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, Nicole Hamilton, Colleen Harrison, Kaia Hart, Christopher Hodo, Katie Honeycutt, Keri Katz, Cherie Kujawa, Magdalin Leonardo, Mickaela Leopold, Amber Lindsey, Patty Malley, Briana Gillette, Brianna Maxwell, Diane Murphy, Briana Reed, Kendall Regan, Lori Soble, Linda Tardie, Raquel Thomas, Meghan Tipton, Jesse Torres, Nichole Viderman, Michelle Woulfe, Cathy Skinner

Absent: Mahlaima Boemark, Kate Russo.

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

1. Roll Call and Welcome -

Diane Murphy - K - 5 ELA Coach

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

Diane Murphy - K - 5 ELA Coach

- Committee members reviewed the minutes. Corrections were made to the minutes of spelling of names and Cathy Skinner was added as in attendance.
- A motion was made by Diane Murphy to approve the minutes as revised.
- Motion was seconded by Lori Soble.
- Motion passed, minutes approved with revisions.

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

Diane Murphy - K - 5 ELA Coach

- The purpose of the ELA adoption committee was reviewed, as well as conflict of interest, and confidentiality agreement.
- Arizona laws were reviewed and discussed that impact ELA curriculum adoptions.
- Review of committee norms.
- Consensus decision making process was reviewed and discussed - it is a group decision making process where everyone's opinions are heard and understood. Decisions can be

supported by all even if it is not the favorite of an individual member. All points of view need to be heard, and the will of the group is evident even to those who most oppose it.

4. Timeline Update -

Diane Murphy - K-5 ELA Coach

- Review of Phase II adoption timeline
 - Next: October 24th and November 14 Governing Board meetings
- Review of SUSD Core Values and discussion on how those values help guide the adoption committee
- Phase III ELA adoption committee meetings: A subcommittee of the adoption committee will be formed from members who volunteer to continue to meet and evaluate additional materials submitted for the adoption that are Tier 2 and Tier 3 Interventions and ELA supplementals. The subcommittee will begin meeting on Oct. 30th.

5. Materials Review -

Diane Murphy - K - 5 ELA Coach

- 9:30 Committee members individually reviewed materials, resources, and information shared during Vendor presentations.
- 10:00 Reconvene as a whole committee for discussion about materials submitted.
- 10:20 Committee divided into subgroups to participate in a small group exercise to cooperatively learn about a lesson from one of the programs and then role-play and present the lesson to the rest of the committee.
- 11:45 – 12:15 Committee lunch
- 12:20 Resume small group exercises
- 1:30 The committee discussed each of the programs under consideration for final recommendation. Evaluation criteria, rubrics, independent ratings, and committee notes were discussed and shared. Comments from public viewings were read. Specific components of each program were discussed.
- Committee members were asked to write down their top two choices. Votes were collected and counted. Discussion continued. Each member of the committee was able to speak freely.
- Committee members were asked to write down their number one choice; votes collected and counted - Discussion continued.
- Based on an objective vote count and committee members knowledge of the programs, committee discussions, and submitted vendor bids, a motion was made by Diane Murphy, seconded by Dede Johnston, to approve the committee recommendation to the SUSD Governing Board for the purchase of the following materials: Amplify - CKLA with implementation beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

6. Future Meetings -

Diane Murphy - K - 5 ELA Coach

- Presentation of recommendation to the Governing Board, October 24, 2023 6:00 PM Mohave District Annex (first read, presentation, information and discussion)
- Governing Board meeting November 14, 2023 6:00 PM Coronado High School (second read, possible action item).

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Dated this day, Wednesday, October 4, 2023