



**MINUTES OF SECONDARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM ADOPTION  
COMMITTEE 2023-2024  
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48  
CHEYENNE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL 13636 N. 100TH ST.  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260**

**Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023 Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM.

**2. Welcome**

Donna Dempsey

- Committee members introduced themselves.

**3. Attendance**

Present: Lauren Bengert, Donna Dempsey, Kim Dodds Keran, Cher Fesenmaier, Stephanie Haeggquist, Deborah Harris, Dede Johnston, Alisha Kellum, Katie Kunitzer, Jenna LeVault, Michelle Miller, Christina Najera, Travis Prikryl, Anita Rawlings, Lindsey Saylor, Casey Solem, Micaela Stump.

Absent: Lindsey Barnsley, Lisa Tetlow-Hennessey.

**Information/Discussion and Possible Action**

**4. Approval of 11/2/2023 Meeting Agenda**

Donna Dempsey

- Motion: Alisha Kellum moved to approve the agenda for November 2, 2023 as written.
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Stephanie Heaggquist.
- Vote: A vote was taken, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**5. Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law**

Nicholas B. Buzan, Esq., Legal council for Scottsdale Unified School District

- Committee members received an overview of state and local regulations for District committees. The presentation included open meeting laws, public records request, and conflict of interest. Conflict of Interest Forms were passed out and signed by present committee members.

**6. Committee Goals**

Donna Dempsey

- A review of the committee's goals and purpose was discussed. SUSD's Strategic Plan was reviewed and how it relates to the needs of Cheyenne's Cornerstones.

### **7. Committee Norms and Expectations**

Donna Dempsey

- A copy of some suggested Norms was passed out and discussed. Consensus Decision Making was reviewed. All points of view have been heard; the will of the group is evident even to those who most oppose it.

### **8. Committee Timeline**

Donna Dempsey

- The timeline for the committee was reviewed and explained.

### **9. Cheyenne Cornerstones**

Lindsay Saylor and Michelle Miller

The Nine Traditional Cornerstones and the Qualities of Traditional School Curriculum were shared with the committee. The table groups discussed which ones were priorities for the committee.

- (2) Focus on Academics
- (3) Linear Sequential Curriculum PreK-8+.
- (4) Teacher- Directed, Textbook Based Instruction  
(state standards have changed so Teacher's are having to look elsewhere for curriculum)
- (6) Maximum Use of Academic Time
- (8) High Expectations for All

### **10. NCTM Effective Teaching Practices**

Donna Dempsey

- A handout was passed out to the committee members of NCTM's Effective Teaching Practices. Small groups were formed; each group was to write down Criteria that might help teachers utilize the Effective Teaching Practices.

### **11. Future Meetings**

Donna Dempsey

- Thursday, November 9, 2023 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Cheyenne Traditional School

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Dated this day, Thursday, November 2, 2023.