

J.O. Combs Unified School District No. 44
English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the J.O. Combs Unified School District #44, English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption Committee convened on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the District Office Board Room located at 43371 North Kenworthy Road, San Tan Valley, Arizona.

Members of the committee present were Dr. Tim Fountain(virtually), Director of Leadership and Learning; Christine Murphy, Coordinator of Professional Learning; Peter Quinn, Principal of Ranch Elementary School; Tayna Loftis, Principal of Combs High School; Karen Finn, District Buyer; Cindi Andrew, Parent; Jennifer Nevins, ELA Content Coach; Brenda Haro, EL & Assessment Coach; Andrea Snyder (virtually), Special Education Teacher; Latosha Boutahli (virtually), Special Education Teacher; Amanda Rainey, General Education Teacher, Paige Maroney-Scott, General Education Teacher; Jana Arredondo, General Education Teacher; Krista Nino (virtually), Dr. Selvi Peoples, Instructional Coach; Loretta Nardi, General Education Teacher; and Winifred Lacoss, General Education Teacher.

Absent: Garcia Forbes-Davis, General Education Teacher, Maggie Wooten, General Education Teacher.

1. At 3:05 pm, Christine Murphy called the meeting to order.

2. Discuss the Vision of the 6-12 ELA Adoption

The vision for the J.O. Combs 6-12 ELA Adoption Committee is to adopt a diverse, culturally relevant, and viable curriculum that provides rigorous standards-aligned learning, with necessary scaffolds and support, for the students we serve.

3. Approval of November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the November 5 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion by: Peter Quinn, Second: Cinthia Andrews

Resolution: Motion Carries

4. Review of the [Draft Rubric for the ELA curriculum adoption](#)

The rubric was reviewed individually. Then the group discussed the necessity of including vocabulary from classical literature. The consensus was that classical literature was not necessary, but teaching students how to apply strategies to help define unfamiliar vocabulary was needed.

5. Discuss the [timeline for the 6-12 ELA curriculum adoption](#)

6. Future Meeting

The next steps meeting is January 14, 2025. At this meeting, the committee will evaluate vendor-submitted materials using the rubric.

1. Adjournment of the Meeting

At 3:54 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion by: Peter Quinn, Second: Jennifer Nevins

Resolution Motion Carries

A duplicate meeting was held at 4:00 pm with a few individuals who were unable to start at 3:00 pm.