

Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

K-6 Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum Resources Committee Meeting

Date: February 20, 2025

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm

Location: Whispering Wind Academy

Facilitator: Sheryl Chariton, World Language/DLI Curriculum Specialist

Committee Members Present:

• Teaching Staff Representative – Shuang Gou

Ruth Jay

- Principal Representative Rebecca Rodriguez, Principal
- Parent Representative Tracy Leonard

Purpose of Committee: The Curriculum and Instruction Department will be facilitating the committee process for establishing a K-6 Mandarin Language Arts curriculum resource adoption to propose to the Governing Board. As part of this process, the committee will be considering traditional publisher resources, online programs, and open source curriculum resources for this adoption.

Purpose:

To examine the resources of each publisher and review the comments from the 60-day Review to propose a recommendation for the K-6 Mandarin Language Arts curriculum resource adoption to the Governing Board.

Outcomes:

- Review feedback from committee and stakeholders and discuss the influence this will have on final recommendations.
- Reach consensus on a recommendation to the Governing Board for a K-6 Mandarin Language Arts curriculum.

Minutes

I. Welcome

A. Purpose of Committee:

a. The purpose of the committee was reviewed. To establish a K-6 Mandarin Language

Arts curriculum to propose to the Governing Board.

b. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to review stakeholder feedback and to reach consensus on a recommendation to make to the Governing Board.

II. Committee Process

a. Norms and the committee timeline were reviewed, as well as committee members and stakeholder roles.

III. Review of Stakeholder Feedback and Publisher Materials

- a. A data protocol was used to review committee and stakeholder feedback.
- b. Each group presented their findings to the whole group about the feedback regarding each vendors' curriculum.

IV. Consensus to make a Recommendation to the Governing Board

- a. The committee came to consensus on a recommendation.
- b. The recommendation will now go to the Cabinet.
- V. Call to the Public
- VI. End of Meeting

Minutes

- I. Welcome
 - A. Purpose of Committee: The purpose of the committee was reviewed. To establish a 7-12 world language curriculum resource adoption to propose to the Governing Board. As part of this process, the committee will be considering traditional publisher resources, online programs, and open source curriculum resources for this adoption.
 - B. Purpose of Tonight's Meeting: To engage in presentations from selected

vendors.

- II. Publisher Presentations for Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum
 - A. Presentation: Better Chinese
- III. Come to Consensus on Vendors Moving Forward for 60-day review
 - A. Committee decided to move the following vendors forward for the 60-day review process. The 60-day review will be November 25 to February 19.
 - 1. Chairman's Bao
 - 2. Mandarin Matrix
 - 3. Better Chinese
 - 4. Level Learning
- IV. Committee decided the following meetings are no longer needed and will be canceled. The next meeting will be on February 20.
 - A. November 12
 - B. December 3
 - C. January 21
- V. Call to the Public

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