



MINUTES OF SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED WORLD HISTORY/WORLD GEOGRAPHY, AMERICAN/ARIZONA HISTORY, AP EUROPEAN HISTORY, AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY, AP UNITED STATES HISTORY

**SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
7501 E. Oak Street Scottsdale, AZ 85257**

Date: March 31, 2025 Time: 7:45 AM - 5:30 PM

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:47 AM

Attendance

Present: Daniel Hyman, Brian Cieniawski (8:00), Ashley Crose, Arianna Fiandaca, Chris Haak, Brittany Panzera Case.

Absent: Chad Johnson

Committee Support:

Dr. Kim Dodds-Keran, Dylan Bullard, Dede Johnston

1. Welcome

Dylan Bullard

2. Roll Call / Introductions

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

3. Approval of 3/31/2025 Meeting Agenda - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item

Dylan Bullard reviewed the agenda for the day with the committee.

- Motion: Daniel Hyman moved to approve the agenda for March 31, 2025 as written
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Ashley Crose
- Vote: The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item

Dylan Bullard

- Motion: Chris Haak motioned to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting minutes.
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Brittany Vote: The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

5. Public Review Update -

Dylan explained that at the time of posting the meeting agenda, 2 new items of public feedback had been received.

6. Overview of the Day -

Dylan Bullard

Vendor Presentation #1 - McGraw Hill- 1 product: *United States History, 2023*

- Steve Tutnick presented information to the committee regarding the curriculum. Key features highlighted were:
 - Inquiry aligned framework
 - Standards alignment
 - Kahoot for formative assessment
 - SmartBook to personalize student learning as an adaptive technology. The tool varies depth of knowledge, monitors time on the platform and illustrates student progress and achievement.
 - Curriculum reinforces ELA standards of reading, writing, speaking and listening
 - Digital book can be adjusted for lexile level
 - Teachers or students can use built in tools for highlighting, note taking or feedback features.
 - Integrates with Clever and Google
 - App for student use that does not require internet connection
 - Reading Writing Essentials with on demand videos to assist teachers in reading/writing instruction
 - All digital resources can be printed
 - Inquiry Journal available for print consumable or digital for student use
 - *Actively Learn* was demonstrated
 - Customizable options for assessment

The company emphasized unique features of their product:

- Only Company with SmartBook
- Actively Learn
- Kahoot built into the curriculum
- Customized professional development

Vendor Presentation #2 - SAVVAS - 2 products: *U.S. History Interactive, World History Interactive/ MyWorld Geography.*

Corey Mack presented information to the committee regarding the curriculum and digital integration. Key features highlighted were:

- Savvas Realize platform currently utilized in SUSD for a variety of courses.
- Full integration with SUSD systems
- Social Studies Presentation Roadmap
- Interactive Books, Active Journal - focus on literacy skills and development
- Spanish versions available
- Largest collection of digital resources
- Google Classroom Integration through Clever. Students would be able to access the resources without having to access Savvas Realize
- Consistent lesson sequence
- Suggested unit pacing based on a period or block schedule
- Suggested lesson pacing for a period or block schedule

- Project Imagine: immersive lessons aligned with topics throughout the textbook. Objective of the resource is to help students experience/role play the experiences of people during specific time periods.
- Topic openers are designed to make social studies relevant to students
- *NBC: Learn My Story Videos* - have teacher facing topics to help relate the topic to something more current.
- Listen Wise: Feature for Current Events such as Podcast Stories, they are assignable, and downloadable.
- My World Interactive includes Quest Inquiry: DBQ, PBL and Civic Discussion that include instructional supports to guide teachers through the four part learning progression.
- Active Journal provides structures for students to work through as they engage in a quest inquiry
- Writing Workshops with step-by-step guidance to develop writing skills
- Curriculum is designed to engage students in learning using many modes for learning: print, digital and varied types of sources. All with the learner in mind.
- Active Classroom Strategies: quick activities to engage the students
- Teachers can create playlists (lessons, tasks, assessments) that are shareable to other teachers
- Assessments are customizable for point value as well as question complexity. Auto grading for multiple choice questions
- Realize platform allows for customized playlists of assignments/learning tasks for students. teachers can populate from the Savvas curriculum and/or a teacher created unit/project.
- Professional Development: customized for the Districts needs

Vendor Presentation #3 - Bedford, Freeman & Worth (BFW) - 3 products: *Ways of the World with Sources for the AP, 5th; Fabric of the Nation, 2nd; America's History for the AP Course, 11th.*

Jeanette Fougerson presented in person and Travis Long presented via zoom.

- AP needs to have authors and contributors who are experienced with AP course expectations. They specialize in AP so they combine college rigor and needs/readiness of high school students. The presenter emphasized how the curriculum is designed to be timeless based on historical thinking skills.
- Aligned to the CED
- AP Skill Support
- AP Exam Practice
- Full teacher support for both new and veteran teachers
- Common features to all textbooks published by BFW:
 - Aligned to AP CED, Modular organization, AP Skill Support
 - ELL support; however text is only in english due to the AP exam being administered in english.
 - teacher resources- print, annotated TE also available in an ebook, pd videos, rubrics, lessons/resources, test banks etc. Materials are: chapter reviews, discussion topics, inclass/at home projects, worksheets, photos, videos etc.
 - Unit Overview at the beginning of the unit paced for traditional class period or block schedule
 - Test Banks: Teachers have the ability to create their own version of the test. Tests can be downloaded from the test bank for paper pencil administration.

Ways of the World

- Hallmarks of Strayer text and includes a background chapter to help align with 1200 start date
- Tighter alignment to AP Correlation
- AP Integrated Skills Questions, Workshops and AP style practice aligned with DBQ's.
- Thematic, global focus
- Historians' voices (secondary sources)

Fabric of a Nation

- Created in 2014 aligned with the focus of the course to be based on the notion of Thinking Like a Historian.
- Precisely aligned to CED
- Skills instruction and development, the skills drive this resource
- Integrates working with sources and AP test practice directly into the text
- Modules paced for 1-2 day lessons
- Most AP Test practice for APUSH than any other material
- Variety of supports built into the classroom that benefit experienced and novice teachers
- Video explanation by Matt Ellington, one of the authors of Fabric of a Nation to summarize the organization of the textbook to align with the CED for the AP course as well as the pedagogy integrated for teachers.
- This resource includes scaffolding built into the reading to help students and teachers teach content along with skills needed to be successful on the end of course exam.
- Red Pencils - are opportunities for students to practice writing
- Test Bank - 10 AP exams (1 per unit, plus final)

America's History for the AP Course, 11th Edition

- Analytical focus on the big picture
- Nine parts that closely align with the CED
- Visual activities
- Part openers refreshed to better align
- Skills workshops
- AP Working with Evidence - DBQ
- AP Claims and Evidence in Sources
- Expanded AP Practices
- Updated Art Program

BFW Strives to provide:

Research, embedded PD right away,

Travis Long:

Achieve Platform

- Ebook with interactive features
- Test generator, prebuilt lessons are available, but presentation slides, maps, and more content can be added
- Assessment and completion records are adjustable by the teacher to align with what the teacher is assigning. Feedback is provided to students as they make incorrect choices and link to the text to allow a student to revisit the text to learn the content.
- Online, unlimited access to PD.
 - In person Professional Development: Teachers schedule a time that works well for them utilizing the schedule tool
 - Pre Recorded training available too for all tools, resources and achieve platform
 - certificate of completion available for documenting the PD that was completed

Lunch

Vendor Presentation #4 - Cengage Learning - 5 products: *National Geographic: World History Voyages of Exploration*; *National Geographic: US History: America Through the Lens, 2025*; *Human Geography: A Spatial Perspective AP Edition*; *The American Pageant, 18th Edition*; *Earth and Its Peoples, 7th Edition Updated*.

Anna Poulos, Christine Stark and Michelle Hanchett were in person to present information about Cengage Products.

National Geographic Social Studies:

Michelle Hanchett, presenter. She shared key features of the curriculum such as:

- Captivate students through powerful National Geographic visuals and stories.
- Lesson to foster Critical Thinking Skills
- Empower educators with accessible, rigorous, and easy to use materials.
- History Notebook available in a digital format or consumable student workbook interactive notes
- Differentiated Instruction
- Easy to use, resources appropriate for experienced, novice and substitute teachers.
- Graphic organizers for each lesson/chapter
- DBQ lessons throughout the material

Assessments:

- Chapter Reviews
- Two test formats
- Digital tests can be downloaded for print
- You can add your own question

Digital Preview:

- Teacher view and student view can be open in two tabs for a teacher to access
- Videos are integrated into lessons or can be found by searching the video library
- Maps are online
- Interactive Map Tool - you can create and save your own maps and push out to students as part of a lesson

AP Human Geography

- Many national geographic articles and videos
- Case Studies
- Student workbook: includes graphic organizers, case studies, maps and strategies
- Alignment to the CED
- Interactive maps - 1 map with 2 activities for each unit

AP World and AP US

- Built to the CED
- Review questions at the end of each unit
- Fast Track to a Five- recommend to get digital version
- Editable powerpoints
- You are able to add to the learning path, but you can not delete.
- AP US History has a UTube playlist and Gale

Professional Development:

- In-person and virtual group training
- 1:1 virtual and on demand sessions
- How to videos and model lessons
- Training library and professional development articles

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Dated this day March 31, 2025