

# K-12 Science Curriculum Resources Committee Meeting #8

**Date:** Sep 8, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 PM

**Location:** PVUSD District Office, District Training Center South Room, 15002 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032

**Facilitator:** Robin Hayward (Secondary STEAM and Science Curriculum Specialist) and Krysta Perez (Elementary STEAM and Science Curriculum Specialist)

## Committee Members Present:

- **Administrator Representative** – Jean Koeppen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
- **Community Member Representative** – None
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Ayesha Pawaskar, 7th/8th grade
  - Blake Rider, mentor teacher-math, science, CTE
  - Debbie Arn, 4th grade-gifted
  - Deborah Adams, gifted instructional coach
  - Devin Ellis, high school- physics and integrated science
  - Gloria Perez, 1st grade-Spanish immersion
  - Jenae Sidwell, 5th grade
  - Melissa Sarnowski, kindergarten-ELD
  - Misty Hoyt, 5th and 6th grade-CG
  - Nanci Walker, ELD instructional coach
- **Principal Representative** – Ann Furnish, elementary principal  
Ashley Kilcullen, secondary principal
- **Parent Representative** – Carol Culberson

**Purpose:** *To review the evaluation of curricula and gain consensus on which resources will move forward for the 60-day review or be removed from consideration.*

## Outcomes:

- Review subgroup decisions from meeting #7
- Work in subgroups; reviewers share pros/cons of evaluated curriculum
- In subgroups, reach consensus on whether to move resources to the 60-day review, remove them from consideration, or continue considering
- Continue partner curriculum review

# Minutes

## I. Welcome

- A. Introductions
- B. Purpose and Outcomes
  - Noted just one more meeting after today until the 60 Day Review
  - The purpose now is primarily to remove red flags
  - Confirmed Professional Growth hours for teachers

## II. Check for +/- $\Delta$ from Meeting #7

- It was shared that these meetings are very collaborative and we are working towards preparing teachers to support students in meeting the Portrait of a Graduate

## III. Review Curriculum Decisions from Subgroups

- A. Elementary Share-Out of Decisions from Meeting #7
- B. Middle School Share-Out of Decisions from Meeting #7
- C. High School Share-Out of Decisions from Meeting #7
  - Each subgroup shared the decisions made in Meeting 7 and why that decision was made; there were no questions or comments
  - Talked about decision column added to the Vendor Sheet

## IV. Curriculum Presentations

- A. Divide into K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 for Pros/Cons presentations
- B. Consensus: move, remove, or continue considering curriculum towards 60 day review
  - K-6 Decisions:
    - Move to 60 Day: Accelerate STEMscopes, Twig, Mystery Science (supplemental)
    - Remove from Consideration: Savvas Experience, Savvas Elevate, HMH Into Science
    - Need More Evidence: none
  - 7-8 Decisions: Not enough middle school teachers present, so this group combined with Elementary for the night
  - 9-12 Decisions:
    - Move to 60 Day: McGraw-Hill Inspire Physical Science with Earth Science, BFW - Living by Chemistry, Cengage Introductory Chemistry: a Foundation, BFW - College Physics for AP Physics 1 & 2, Cengage - College Physics, Wiley Matter and Interactions, Cengage Physics for Scientists and Engineers, Pearson University Physics with Modern Physics, HMH Dimensions Earth and Space Science, OpenStax University Physics Volume 1, 2, and 3, Pearson Conceptual Physics
    - Remove from Consideration: Pre-AP Biology, Pre-AP Chemistry, McGraw-Hill Inspire Physics

- Need More Evidence: Kendall-Hunt BSCS Biology: Understanding for Life and HMH Dimensions Physics

**V. Partner Curriculum Review**

- A. Partner Up, Choose Curriculum to Review, Begin/Continue Review

**VI. Call to the Public and Questions**

- A. Community Member Comments

**VII. Next Steps**

- A. Thank you for your service
- B. Next Meeting - Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

*Meeting was adjourned at 05:54 p.m.*

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #8 - 9/8/25

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #7 - 8/26/25

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #6 - 8/21/25

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #5 - 8/14/25

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #4 - 5/15/25

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #3 - 5/6/25

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #2 - 4/22/25

☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #1 - 4/15/25