



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

K-12 Science Curriculum Resources Committee Meeting #9

Date: Sep 18, 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** –
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Alexandria Weiss, 7th/8th grades
 - Ayesha Pawaskar, 7th/8th grade
 - Blake Rider, mentor teacher-math, science, CTE
 - Debbie Arn, 4th grade-gifted
 - Devin Ellis, high school- physics and integrated science
 - Donna Kirkpatrick, 3rd grade
 - Gloria Perez, 1st grade-Spanish immersion
 - Jake Damle, high school - integrated Science, chemistry, IB ESS
 - Jenae Sidwell, 5th grade
 - Katie Jenkins, 7th and 8th grade
 - Kayla Vronoski, LAS 2nd-5th grades
 - Lauren McHugh, 5th grade
 - Mackenzie Dye, high school - honors and ap biology
 - Melissa Sarnowski, kindergarten-ELD
 - Nanci Walker, ELD instructional coach
 - Sarah Booth, 6th grade
- **Principal Representative** – Ann Furnish, elementary principal
- **Parent Representative** – Carol Culberson
Benjamin Grover

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 #8

- Work in subgroups; reviewers share pros/cons of evaluated curriculum
- In subgroups, finalize the 60 day review curriculum list.
- Continue partner curriculum review

Minutes

I. Welcome

- Introductions
- Purpose and Outcomes
 - This is the last meeting before the 60 Day Review; we will have four meetings during the 60 Day Review.
 - Reminder the 'Portrait of a Graduate' is a frame for the committee in seeking to select/design a system that builds these skills in students through science

II. Review +/- from Meeting #8

- Review Sticky Note Feedback
 - Pleased with the process of narrowing and moving curricula forward

III. Review Curriculum Decisions from Subgroups

- Elementary Share-Out of Decisions from Meeting #8
- Middle School Share-Out of Decisions from Meeting #8
- High School Share-Out of Decisions from Meeting #8
 - A member representative from each breakout group shared out consensus reached from Meeting #8; there were no disagreements

IV. Curriculum Presentations

- Divide into K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 for Pros/Cons presentations
- Consensus: move, remove, or continue considering curriculum towards 60 day review
 - Decisions are noted; description of why can be seen in Meeting #8 Slidedeck, linked at the bottom of the Minutes
 - K-6 Decisions from Meeting #9:
 - Reviewed the 'Ipad Chart'--designed to compare the submitted reviews of curricula in the 60 Day review; a living document in that it can be modified as further evaluations are completed
 - Consensus on schedule for evaluating curricula during the 60 Day Review
 - Consensus on language for evaluating and rubricing curricula during the 60 Day Review
 - 7-8 Decisions from Meeting #9:
 - Moved to 60 Day Review - Discovery Ed, Lab-Aids SEPUP, Mosa Mack, and Open Sci Ed (Carolina)
 - Removed from Consideration - Accelerate Learning STEMScopes, CK-12, and Science Bits
 - 9-12 Decisions from Meeting #9:
 - Moved to 60 Day Review - College Board Pre-AP Chemistry and Biology (Supplement), Kendall Hunt - BSCS Biology - Understanding for Life,

HMH Dimensions Physics, Cengage - Chemistry (Zumdahl AP), McGraw-Hill Inspire Earth Science, Cengage National Geographic Earth Science, McGraw-Hill Principles of Environmental Science, Cengage Environmental Science - Sustaining Our World, HMH Dimensions Chemistry, Pearson Chemistry: The Central Science (AP Edition), Pearson - Introductory Chemistry (AP Edition), Cengage: Biology Concepts and Applications, HMH Dimensions Biology, McGraw-Hill Inspire Biology, SAVVAS - Miller and Levine Biology, BFW - Biology for the AP Course, McGraw-Hill - Biology (AP), Cengage - Biology: The Unity and Diversity of Life, Pearson - Campbell Biology in Focus (AP Edition), PEER Physics, and SAVVAS Experience Physics.

- Removed from Consideration - McGraw-Hill Inspire Chemistry, McGraw-Hill Inspire Physics, McGraw-Hill - AP Chemistry (Chang), Kognity NGSS Biology, Accelerate Learning - STEMScopes Biology, Pearson - Campbell Biology (AP Edition), Pasco - Essential Physics, and Kognity - NGSS Physics of the Universe.
- Discussed Google partnership with OpenStax and the impact on decision making.
- Discussed creating guidance documents and options for choices to make after the 60 day review.

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
 - No community members present

VII. Next Steps

- A. Thank you for your service
- B. Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 30, 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 05:57 p.m.

 Curriculum Adoption Meeting #9 - 9/18/25

 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

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