



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

# K-12 Science Curriculum Resources Committee Meeting #12

**Date:** Nov 20, 2025

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

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

**Facilitators:** 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 for Curriculum Instruction and Assessment.
- **Community Member Representative** –
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Alexandria Weiss, 7th/8th grade
  - Ayesha Pawaskar, 7th/8th grade
  - Blake Rider, mentor teacher-math, science, CTE
  - Debbie Arn, 4th grade-gifted
  - Deborah Adams, gifted differentiation coach
  - Devin Ellis, high school- physics and integrated science
  - Donna Kirkpatrick, 7th grade
  - Gloria Perez, 1st grade-Spanish immersion
  - Jake Damle, high school - chemistry
  - Jenae Sidwell, 5th grade
  - Katie Jenkins, 7th/8th grade
  - Kayla Vronoski, LAS 2nd-5th Grade
  - Lauren McHugh, 5th grade
  - Mackenzie Dye, high school, honors and ap biology
  - Melissa Sarnowski, kindergarten-ELD
  - Misty Hoyt, 5th and 6th grade-CG
  - Nanci Walker, ELD instructional coach
  - Sarah Booth, 6th grade
- **Principal Representative** –
- **Parent Representative** –
  - Carol Culberson
  - Benjamin Grover

**Purpose:** *To continue curriculum reviews of resources on the 60 day review list: gathering more data to support evidence-based decisions.*

### Outcomes:

- Revisit curriculum evaluation criteria
- Discuss curriculum reviews from meeting #11
- Continue additional reviews of curriculum moved to the 60 day review list.

## Minutes

### I. Welcome

- A. Introductions
- B. Purpose and Outcomes
  - Reminder of the goal of getting as many eyes on the curriculum as possible: there will be a virtual curriculum tour for elementary on Dec 2nd or 3rd; Middle and high school will have in-person viewing at HHS on Jan 13th
  - Reviewed the 'look fors' in the 60 day--features the committee agreed on early in the process
    - These 'look fors' have been shared with UPC and APC in curriculum adoption updates
    - Thankful to the committee for coming up with strong priorities for student success
  - Discussed the collection of student-feedback to bring back for committee review

### II. Review +/- from Meeting #11

### III. Share Curriculum Reviewed from Subgroups

- Elementary Share-Out of Resources Reviewed during Meeting #11
- Middle School Share-Out of Resources Reviewed during Meeting #11
- High School Share-Out of Resources Reviewed during Meeting #11

### IV. Curriculum Review

- A. Divide into K-6, 7-8 and 9-12 for curriculum evaluations
  - Elementary reviewed physical and digital samples and submitted a google form review for Twig and finished reviewing Accelerate STEMscopes.
  - Middle School reviewed physical and digital samples and submitted a google form for Lab-Aids and Open Sci Ed Carolina
  - High School reviewed physical samples and vendor videos and completed a google form review for Custom CK-12 Integrated Science Textbook, Cengage Biology Concepts and Application, McGraw-Hill Inspire Biology, BFW - Biology for the AP Course, Open Sci Ed Carolina Chemistry, McGraw-Hill Chemistry, Pearson Chemistry: The Central Science, Pearson Conceptual Physics, PEER Physics, Pearson University Physics w/Modern Physics, McGraw-Hill Earth and Space Science, and McGraw-Hill Principles of Environmental Science

### V. Call to the Public and Questions

- A. Community Member Comments

### VI. Next Steps

- A. Thank you for your service

B. Next Meeting - Thursday December 4, 2025 from 4 to 6pm in the District Training Center South Room

*Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.*

- ☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #12 - 11/20/25
- ☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #11 - 10/13/25 and 10/16/25
- ☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #10 - 9/30/25
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #1 - 4/15/25