

# K-12 Science Curriculum Resources Committee Meeting #15

**Date:** January 20, 2026

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

**Location:** PVUSD District Training Center North 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 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
  - 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
  - Melissa Sarnowski, kindergarten-ELD
  - Misty Hoyt, 5th and 6th grade-CG
  - Nanci Walker, ELD instructional coach
- **Principal Representative** –
  - Ann Furnish
  - Ashley Kilcullen
- **Parent Representative** –
  - Carol Culberson

**Purpose:** *To review all data collected during the 60 day review, committee experiences, committee evaluations, and Best and Final letters to make the final recommendation(s) for K-12 science curriculum adoption.*

## Outcomes:

- Revisit curriculum evaluation criteria
- Discuss curriculum decisions from meeting #14
- Review responses to best and final letter responses
- Utilize evidence to reach consensus on one curriculum recommendation for K-6, 7-8, and each high school course included in the adoption.

## Minutes

### I. Welcome

- A. Introductions
- B. Purpose and Outcomes
  - Reminder of the responsibility of teachers to teach state standards, the curriculum should support teachers
  - Discussion difficult decisions will need to be made with budget in mind

### II. Review +/- from Meeting #14

- Additions: the process has been organized and appreciated; the relationships with committee members is strong and supports evidence-based decisions; Robin's support is much appreciated

### III. Share Curriculum Decisions from Subgroups

- Elementary Share-Out of Resources Removed during Meeting #14
- Middle School Share-Out of Resources Removed during Meeting #14
- High School Share-Out of Resources Removed during Meeting #14
  - Subgroups shared reasons for removal of curricula from consideration (evidence can be found in slides of Meeting #14)

### IV. Curriculum Final Decisions

- A. Divide into K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 for curriculum decisions
  - K-6 decided to meet virtually on Thursday for their final decision due to four group members being absent as well as getting finalized offers from vendors
  - 7-8 decided to recommend Twig for board approval as the Tier 1 curriculum for 7th and 8th grade
  - 9-12 decided to recommend the following as the Tier 1 curriculum.
    - Integrated Science - Custom CK12 Book + District Created 5E Unit Maps
    - Regular and Honors Biology - McGraw-Hill Inspire Biology
    - AP Biology - OpenStax Biology for AP Courses
    - Regular and Honors Chemistry - SAVVAS Experience Chemistry
    - AP Chemistry - OpenStax Chemistry
    - General and Conceptual Physics - CK12 Physics for High School
    - AP Physics 1 and 2 - OpenStax Physics for AP Courses
    - AP Physics C - OpenStax University Physics Volumes 1, 2, and 3
    - Earth and Space Science - HMH Dimensions Earth and Space Science

- Environmental Science - Cengage Environmental Science - Sustaining Our World.
- Supplements - AP Classroom for Science, Code.org, American Modeling Teachers Association

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

- A. Community Member Comments

**VI. Next Steps**

- A. Thank you for your service
- B. First reading will be at the February 12th school board meeting beginning at 6:30pm.

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.*

- ☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #15 - 1/20/26
- ☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #14 - 1/12/26
- ☐ Curriculum Adoption Meeting #13 - 12/4/25
- ☐ 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