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MINUTES OF SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED CURRICULUM ADOPTION
General Elective and Computer Science & Technology
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
Location - [Microsoft Teams Link](#)

Date: 09/23/26 Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

Attendance

Present: Larry Bloom, Dianna Davis, Kathy Gaydos, Nicole Hamilton, Megan Jarvie, Michael Schoon, Elizabeth Sinkwitz,

Absent: Paula Slamowitz

Committee Support: Lotus Kaplan, Deborah Beggs, Adam Eslinger, Dede Johnston,

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

2. Approval of 09-09-2026 Draft Meeting Minutes - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item

Lotus Kaplan

- Motion: Larry Bloom moves to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2026 meeting.
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Michael Schoon
- Vote: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Approval of 09.23.26 Meeting Agenda - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item

Lotus Kaplan

- Motion to approve: Liz Sinkwitz moved to approve the addended agenda for 09.09.26
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Nicole Hamilton.
- Vote: A vote was taken, and the motion passed with a unanimous decision.

4. Introductions and Overview

Lotus Kaplan

Committee support people are:

- Dr. Jagodzinski - Director of Teaching & Learning - whole group committee lead
- Dede Johnston - Instructional Materials Coordinator
- Tiffany Sorensen - Administrative Support Coordinator



Review of the purpose and goals of the committee

- The purpose of the General Elective and Computer Science & Technology Adoption Committee is to review, evaluate, and recommend quality and appropriate textbooks and instructional resources for approval by the district Governing Board.
- Working in alignment with SUSD Strategic Plan
 - Goal 1: Academic Excellence
 - Goal 5: Optimized Resources

5. Committee Norms and Expectations

Lotus Kaplan

- Establishing Committee Norms
 - Encourage behaviours that allow groups to work together successfully
 - Allow groups to dialogue, engage productively in conflict, discuss and decide, invent and problem solve
 - Create and maintain a safe environment to examine one's practice and talk about difficult to discuss topics
- Clarifying Decision-Making Process - Defining Consensus
 - All points of view have been heard
 - The will of the group is evident even to those who most oppose it

6. Open Meeting Law Review

Lotus Kaplan

- Presentation provided for committee to review Open Meeting Law and purpose
 - Ensure decisions are not made in private
 - Allow the public to observe the process
 - Promote trust and accountability
 - Protect both committee members and the district from allegations of improper decision-making
- Committee members express understanding and are in agreement to observe Open Meeting Law

7. Overview of Process

Lotus Kaplan

- Deliverables: the results from the meeting from September 9th, were listed. These items will be used to create the rubrics and vendor criteria checklist.
- Sample rubrics were shared with the committee; so that they could see different formats.

8. Breakout Activity

Lotus Kaplan

- The committee broke into two groups to work of creating their rubric and criteria letter
 - Team A: Middle and High school general electives
 - Team B: Computer Science & Technology
- Teams regrouped and discussed questions, and concerns.
- It was suggested to put a blurb in "Teacher Talk" for a solicitation of suggested materials
- Lotus will create a Vendor List document in the shared folder, for committee members to add vendor names to.

9. Future Meetings



- September 30, 2026 4:00 PM via Teams
- October 5, 2026 4:00 PM via Teams
- October 19, 2026 (tentative)

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM

Dated this day 09.23.26