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

Date: 09/30/26 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

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

2. Approval of 09-23-2026 Draft Meeting Minutes - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item
Lotus Kaplan

- Motion: Megan Jarvie moves to approve the minutes of the September 23rd, 2026 meeting.
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Kathy Gaydos
- Vote: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Approval of 09-30-26 Meeting Agenda - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item
Lotus Kaplan

- Motion to approve:Michael Scoon moved to approve the addended agenda for 09.30.26
- Seconded: The motion was seconded by Liz Sinkwitz.
- 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 23rd, were listed. Rubric drafts were reviewed.
- Continuing discussion of rubric completion

8. Breakout Activity

Lotus Kaplan

- The committee broke into two groups to work of completing 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.
- Committee members will add potential vendors to the Vendor Suggestion list to provide to Dede.

9. Future Meetings

- November 2nd, 2026 (tentative- Teams or IN-person)

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM

Dated this day 09.30.26