

Seattle Public Schools Science Instructional Materials Adoption Committee Meeting (K-5 and 6-8 combined committees)

December 13, 2018, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence, Room 2700

Committee Members in attendance:

Adoption Coordinator: MaryMargaret Welch; *Curriculum Specialists:* Christine Benita, Alisha Taylor, Brad Shigenaka; *K-5 Committee:* Danielle Alon, Charles Bosse, Lina Castro, Rebecca Christl, Heather Christothoulou, Angie DiLoreto, Kelli Elder, Charrie Gibson, Chelsea Gilgore, Andrea Hildebrandt, Lissa Ongman, Hiromi Pingry, Greg Pittman, Jeannie Revello, Anna Wallace, Carolyn Whipple; *6-8 Committee:* Megan Batty, Matt Brewer, Belinda Chin, Emily Elasky, Eric Fisk, Casey Johnson, Dana Nelson, Marjorie Olmstead, Alder Strange, Brad Street, Karen White, Julia Ward.

Meeting commenced – Review of Instructional Materials Candidates

The Adoption Coordinator welcomed the Committee.

The Adoption Coordinator reviewed the progress so far, and the goals for the meeting: to determine the finalists (and candidates for Field Testing) for both K-5 and 6-8. The Adoption Coordinator presented the Teacher and Family/Community Survey Response data collected thus far and the committee reflected on its takeaways.

Curriculum Specialist Christine Benita conducted a review of NEW materials sent by National Geographic, Discovery, and HMH not previously reviewed by the committee. None of the new materials altered the Adoption Committee's evaluation of the instructional materials. AC Members participating: Danielle Alon, Greg Pittman, Carolyn Whipple, Rebecca Christl, Megan Batty, Karen White.

K-5 Committee Breakout Session: Review of Possible Finalists in Room 2700

Adoption Coordinator MaryMargaret Welch and Christine Benita facilitated a review of the committee-selected programs. Members worked in table groups to review the five selected programs: AmplifyScience, HMH, McGraw Hill, STEMScopes, and TCI. They were provided with scores for each of the five Categories, representing the average of all reviews done by the committee. They then either agreed that the average score was representative of the program, or provided a suggested adjustment based on their present examination of the materials. Table groups rotated through the five programs, and results were posted for all members to review. At the end of this process, the Adoption Coordinator facilitated a discussion between the committee members. The Committee voted unanimously to reject STEMScopes and McGraw Hill and unanimously to field test AmplifyScience, TCI and HMH.

6-8 Committee Breakout Session: Review of

Curriculum Specialists Alisha Taylor and Brad Shigenaka facilitated a review of the committee-selected programs. Members worked in partner pairs to review the four selected programs: AmplifyScience, HMH, STEMScopes, and TCI. They were provided with scores for each of the five Categories, representing the average of all reviews done by the committee. They then either agreed that the average score was representative of the program, or provided a suggested adjustment based on their present examination of the materials. Partner pairs rotated through the four programs, and results were posted for all members to review.

Several suggested an immediate vote on STEMScopes. The committee voted to remove STEMScopes from consideration, with one abstention and no dissenting votes. The discussion then turned to the remaining three candidates. Members discussed the ramifications of field testing 2 candidates vs. 3 candidates. The discussion turned toward HMH specifically, and a deeper conversation ensued regarding scores and assessment. When a member identified that the focus was on whether or not to consider HMH, a vote was taken regarding the other two candidates. AmplifyScience was approved to be moved forward as a finalist for field testing by a unanimous vote. TCI was approved to be moved forward as a finalist for field testing by a unanimous vote. The discussion then turned back to HMH. After further discussions related to the pros and cons of testing HMH, another vote was taken. HMH was approved to be moved forward as a finalist for field testing by a unanimous vote. The result of the breakout session: The 6-8 Committee identified AmplifyScience, HMH, and TCI as finalists and to be moved to the field-testing stage. The 6-8 Committee adjourned for the evening.

Meeting Adjourned

Adoption Committee members concluded their work for the evening and adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for March 22, 2018.