

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

November 6, 2018, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence, Room 2765

Committee Members in attendance:

Adoption Coordinator: MaryMargaret Welch; *Curriculum Specialists:* Christine Benita, Alisha Taylor, Brad Shigenaka;

K-5 Committee: Cynthia Adams, Danielle Alon, Nell Baughn, Charles Bosse, Lina Castro, Heather Christothoulou, Trent Comer, Emma Cornwell, Angie DiLoreto, Paula Eisenrich, Kelli Elder, Chelsea Gilgore, Andrea Hildebrandt, Lissa Ongman, Hiromi Pingry, Greg Pittman, Jeannie Revello, Holly Sawyer, Geoff Smith, Anna Wallace, Carolyn Whipple;

6-8 Committee: Jolene Anderson, Megan Batty, Matt Brewer, Marni Campbell, Belinda Chin, Emily Elasky, Eric Fisk, Aimee Hall, Sara Hoofnagle, AJ Katzaroff, Dave Ketter, Katie Koressel, Dana Nelson, Marjorie Olmstead, Anastasia Sanchez, Alder Strange, Brad Street, Julia Ward, Karen White

Meeting commenced – Review of Instructional Materials Candidates

The Adoption Coordinator welcomed the Committee.

All members in each grade band reviewed the top 3 candidates. Subgroups spent 45 minutes per candidate to have a sense of each of the top candidates.

Protocol used:

A facilitator for each candidate program was selected based on the committee members having reviewed the materials during previous meetings and having an understanding of how to navigate the program. These facilitators were asked to be impartial guides, not advocates, for each of the programs.

10 minutes: All quietly reviewed the printed resources

15 minutes: The facilitator gave a guided tour of this instructional resource.
They showed the resources, gave the big picture, guided a click-around of the online sites.

10 minutes: Members spent some time exploring
Guiding Question: What would it look like from the vantage of a teacher?
Dig into the student materials (simulations, assessments, worksheets, readings) to gather evidence.

10 minutes: Facilitator shared each category of their original evaluation, addressing strengths, weakness, and answering member questions.

After this period, the groups rotated to another candidate program to repeat the process. Facilitators were rotated out to allow them to review other programs.

Meeting Adjourned

Adoption Committee members concluded their work for the evening and adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for December 13, 2018.