

Seattle Public Schools Science Instructional Materials 9-12 Adoption Committee Meeting

November 13, 2018, 5:00pm-8:00pm

John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence Room 2750

Committee Members in attendance:

Adoption Coordinator: MaryMargaret Welch; *Curriculum Specialist:* Brad Shigenaka; *9-12 Committee:* Nahom Alemayehu, Nina Arens, Laura Bailey, Judy Bridges, Aiden Buchanan, Kristen Dang, Kim Dinh, Lura Ercolano, Jen Fox, Monica Fujii, Christine Helkey, Yolanda Jones, Greg Kowalke, Pam Kraus, Laura McGinty, Ruth Medsker, Ryan Miller, Maureen Munn, Brian Vance, John Wietfeldt

Meeting commenced: The Adoption Coordinator reviewed the agenda and goals for the meeting.

Introduction to NGSS: The Adoption Coordinator and Curriculum Specialist provided an overview and demonstration, through a mini-unit, of science instruction using the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Members participated in activities, working together to gather evidence to help explain a phenomenon. The importance of this information was to ground all members in the significant shift in practice to include Science and Engineering Practices and Cross Cutting Concepts. The focus of the new standards is to provide equitable opportunities for ALL students to meet with success in STEM.

Meeting Adjourned: Members concluded work for the day by completing an exit survey.