Seattle Public Schools Science Instructional Materials Adoption Committee Meeting

December 18, 2018, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Committee Members in attendance:

Adoption Coordinator: MaryMargaret Welch; Curriculum Specialist: Brad Shigenaka; Committee: Nina Arens, Laura Bailey, Philip Bell, Aiden Buchanan, Brian Buchwitz, India Carlson, Kristen Dang, Kim Dinh, Lura Ercolano, Jen Fox, Monica Fujii, Christine Helkey, Margaret Jones, AJ Katzaroff, Greg Kowalke, Laura McGinty, Maureen Munn, Rebecca Neil, Sofia Nguyen, Autumn Tocchi, Emily Wang, John Wietfeldt, Jackie Wilson.

Meeting commenced

The Adoption Coordinator welcomed the Committee.

Committee Breakout Sessions

Each of the three subcommittees examined the candidates still on the table after the last round of reviews. The Physics and Chemistry subcommittees used a protocol to review these candidates against the average scores from the review criteria forms.

While those subcommittees worked, the Adoption Coordinator led a consensus conversation with the Biology subcommittee. The group discussed the candidates still being considered and every member had an opportunity to contribute to the conversation. A vote was called to elevate Carbon TIME to a finalist to be field tested. The vote was unanimous. A vote was called to elevate the teacher-developed BIO B curriculum to a finalist to be field tested. The vote was unanimous. The Biology subcommittee then split into workgroups to support the work of the Chemistry subcommittee.

The Adoption Coordinator led a consensus conversation with the Physics subcommittee, which had combined into one workgroup and discussed the two remaining candidates. After a conversation, the subcommittee agreed unanimously to only elevate PEER to a finalist to be field tested.

The Adoption Coordinator then led a consensus conversation with the Chemistry subcommittee, joined by the rest of the Adoption Committee. Most of the discussion was led by the members of the Chemistry subcommittee.

6: CHEM A Teacher-Developed

5: STEMScopes

3: McGraw Hill

The Chemistry subcommittee unanimously decided to extend voting to the four members of the subcommittee who were not present. The Adoption Coordinator will follow up with those members individually, tally the votes, and report the results back to the entire committee.

Meeting Adjourned

Adoption Committee members concluded their work for the evening and adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled in 2019.