

Instructional Materials Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020

Time: 11:00 am

In Attendance:

Darcy Brixey, Chair
Caleb Perkins
Charmaine Marshall, Principal Representative
Andrea Young, Notetaker, Instructional Materials Specialist
Kathleen Vasquez, presenter
Elissa Farmer, presenter
(4 members of IMC present for a quorum)

Absent:

William Jackson, Principal Representative
Kyle Wang, Parent Representative
Jen Beatty, Parent Representative

Agenda

- Greeting: 11-11:05
- Update on Potential Emergency Pilot of 6-8 ELA Resources 11:05-11:15, Kathleen Vasquez, ELA Program Manager
- Upgrade on Digital Platform for 6-8 Math, 11:15-11:45 Elissa Farmer, Interim Math Program Manager
- Vote on Digital Platform 11:55-12
- IMC Decisions: The EnVisionMath upgrade

Notes

Discussion

Update on Potential Emergency Pilot of 6-8 ELA Resources 11:05-11:15, Kathleen Vasquez

Kathleen Vasquez: The last ELA curriculum adoption for 6-8 was in 1998, and a new adoption was planned for spring 2020. Plans shifted because of the pandemic school closures. Kathleen's department decided to try to move forward with providing resources as part of an "emergency pilot" bypassing policy 2015, but only temporarily because of the pandemic. They will still go forward at some point with a regular adoption. They looked at "green lighted" curricula from Ed Reports to pilot. They looked for resources that provide opportunities for cultural diversity. Expeditionary Learning and Wit & Wisdom were the 2 curricula they decided to pilot, and they made some materials available online to teachers along with a survey about standards alignment, family engagement, culturally responsive teaching, etc. Within a few days, they got

many responses. Some of the materials in Wit & Wisdom duplicate what's in high school curriculum already, so they decided to go forward with Expeditionary Learning. Some teachers asked questions like 'why aren't we considering Teacher's College materials', but this is **only** an emergency pilot, not a regular adoption. When we go forward with a regular adoption, we will consider other curricula.

Upgrade on Digital Platform for 6-8 Math,11:15-11:45 Elissa Farmer and Vote on Digital Platform 11:55-12

Elissa Farmer (Interim Math Program Manager): We are proposing to upgrade our current middle school math adoption digital platform to the 2021 version of EnVisionMath. They're asking the IMC to approve this upgrade. Common Core State Standards Alignment, Math problems, including context, and Scope & Sequence are all the same as the previously approved curriculum. The differences are an enhanced formative assessment tool (Realize Scout Observational Tool), embedded interactive activities in online lesson materials (Desmos), editable Word docs, additional Math XL assignment, progress monitoring assessments, and new interactive student editions for increased interaction with text, compatible with Google Translate (Realize Reader). Previously, the online textbook was **not** compatible with Google Translate, so the text was not accessible outside English and Spanish. EnVisionMath went through anti-bias screening twice during the initial adoption period, and the content has not changed in this new edition. They also reviewed & analyzed alignment with Common Core and state standards. Envision was rated higher than other curricula during the pilot program as well. This upgrade will just enhance what students and teachers are able to do in a remote environment.

IMC Decision(s)

Darcy called for a roll call vote to approve upgrading the digital platform for this previously adopted curriculum (EnVisionMath).

Roll call vote: Caleb, Darcy, Charmaine, and Andrea voted to approve the upgrade.

Darcy moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am.