

MINUTES

K-8 ELA Curriculum Adoption Committee

Phoenix Elementary School District #1
1817 N. 7th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85006

Date: October 25, 2023

Time 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

4:30 pm – Sarah Galetti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction called the meeting to order

Attendance

- Zariffe Magana, Esther Wysong, Joseph Fuentes, Valentine Hernandez, Betty-Ann Townsend, Heidi McKnight, Ana SanMarchi, Dr. Brant Lloyd, Caitlin Fagan, Diana Segovia, Emily Mason, Erin MacFarland, Dominique Waters, Karen Merkley, Lauren Freitas, Michael Covarrubias, Sarah Irizarry, Mary Lou Gonzales, Dr. June Zillich, Sherry Padlan, Dr. Sarah Galetti
- *Absent: Dr. Deborah Gonzalez, Erin Freriks, Jilian Hutchison, Sara Sims, Ashley King*

1. Welcome / Introductions

Sarah Galetti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Review agenda
- Brief review of 7 Norms of Collaboration and Collective Commitments, Goal of Committee, Consensus Decision Making and Proposed Timeline

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 18th

Sarah Galetti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Time was provided for the Committee to review minutes from October 18th.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes and was seconded.
- Motion was passed to approve by all members in attendance.

3. ESSA Tiers of Evidence

Sarah Galetti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Session began with an ESSA Tiers of Evidence video which covered student achievement, defined evidence ratings, and referenced the four tiers of evidence. The four tiers of evidence mentioned were strong evidence, moderate evidence, promising evidence and demonstrates rationale. What Works Clearinghouse provides ESSA ratings for published programs. ADE also has a list of ESSA-rated published programs as well.

4. Move on When Reading (MOWR) and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Evidence

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- A.R.S 15-704 requires all schools and charters that serve any K-3 students to adopt an instructional curriculum which meets ESSA criteria.
- Table has been published by ADE to show programs that are already approved for use under MOWR. Programs in green meet all criteria. Programs in yellow meet some criteria, but require additional review. Programs in red do not currently meet legislation and should not be adopted.

5. Discussion: Identifying Priorities

Sarah Galetti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Groups were provided time to add more information to the Instructional Priorities and Student / Learner Priorities table based on information provided at the previous meeting.

6. Reviewing Evaluation Tools and Resources

Sarah Galetti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Members of the Committee were placed into five groups. Each group was given a focus area based on evaluation tools developed by Achieve the Core and The Reading League. Groups analyzed assigned areas to determine whether or not District priorities were met and if metrics needed to be clarified, revised or deleted, and if additional metrics needed to be included. The Committee additionally used the Arizona ELA Anchor Standards and grade level standards/Vertical Standards Articulation document to determine if additional criteria needed to be added to represent needs, priorities and standards expectations. The goal of the Committee is to develop a criteria/rubric that is clear and functional, encompassing of District priorities and the grade level standards at the appropriate range or rigor in order to elicit a quality review and feedback process when evaluating potential ELA instructional resources.

7. Wrap Up and Future Meetings

Sarah Galetti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Continue work to finalize SOW criteria and rubrics.
- Next meeting is November 1, 2023, from 4:00 - 6:00

8. Adjournment: 6:00 PM

- Dated this day, October 25, 2023