

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
(Science Curriculum Adoption)**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Chair, at 4:33 p.m. followed by a roll call of the members present. Present were: Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Chair, Trustee O. Alfred Brown, Member, Trustee Harold Fong, Member, Jackie White, Nancy Herota, Melissa Neuburger and Amy Kraft. Recorder: Marty Florey

II. Review of New Adoption – Science Curriculum

Jackie introduced Amy Kraft, Curriculum Specialist for SCOE. Amy presented the Science Curriculum Committee update.

The Science Adoption team consisted of eight teachers from SCOE's Special Education Program and Court and Community Schools. Committee members included Tereze Lear, Brendan Moore, Angel Martinez, Julie Wilde, Ben Diaz, Ju Park, Robin Bacon and Sterling Alley. Amy Kraft, SCOE's Curriculum Specialist is also a member of the committee.

Amy Kraft presented an overview of the pros and cons for each of the programs the committee reviewed. The Science curriculum adoption started in December with STEMscopes and lasted for 2 months. The second program, McGraw Hill, began in March and was piloted until the end of April. After the pilot program concluded, the adoption committee felt that the STEMscopes curriculum was by far the better program and that it met most of the needs of the students including providing opportunities for unique, hands-on activities. This was not a typical "read and recite" program but included much more of a project-based learning approach. Amy stated that the teachers are excited and looking forward to having access to materials and planning their classes around this new curriculum.

Jackie White stated that there will be a Summer Professional Learning series for all of Court and Community School and Special Education for the first time this July. This will include Amy reviewing StemScopes and prepping teachers for its use.

Trustee Lefkovitz asked if the students were able to provide feedback, Amy Kraft and Jackie White shared that the students were encouraged to provide feedback throughout the process, and that they were very vocal and student feedback showed that the students preferred STEMscopes. Trustee Brown asked if there were modern issues and topics included, such as climate change, Jackie White shared that yes, there are references to human impact as it relates to climate change, among other modern topics. Trustee Lefkovitz asked if there was a Career Awareness component as part of the science class, Amy Kraft stated that in the online component, the students are exposed to scientists and engineers to increase the awareness of diversity and opportunities in the science and engineering arena.

Jackie White thanked the board members and noted that there would be updates coming throughout the year.

III. Recommendation of the Committee and Directions to Staff

Trustee Brown moved to approve new science curriculum; Trustee Lefkovitz seconded and recommended the following Science Curriculum:

6th-12th

Program: STEMscopes

Publisher: Accelerated Learning, Inc.

be sent forward to the August 9, 2022, SCOE Board meeting with a recommendation for approval and adoption. Motion was carried as follows;

Chair Lefkovitz – Aye

Trustee Brown – Aye

Trustee Fong - Aye

IV. Public Comment

No comments were provided.

(Other agenda items were discussed)

V. Adjournment

Chair Lefkovitz moved to adjourn the meeting, Member Fong seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marty Florey

Executive Assistant to Jackie White