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Curriculum and Professional Development Committee
Monday, April 27, 2026
4:30 pm
<https://meet.google.com/ehy-xipb-ijm>

I. Welcome

- a. Notice of Recording
- b. Attendance - Amy Morstad, Cynthia Ferguson, Jennifer Lott, Lindsey Abbott, Lorge Mae Dulangon, Marie Christine Villegas, Michele Werchau, Monica Costa, Sherri Vorak

II. Updates

- a. **Science Curriculum** - The committee chose Savvas Experience Science at our March meeting. The program is currently on public review for 60 days. In the meantime, after seeing the cost savings of purchasing the program for 6 years, we are prepared to do that after the review. Agreeing to the longer contract also means we will be switched to the Arizona aligned program in 2027-28 without additional costs.
- b. **Sped Life Skills Curriculum** - For years, teachers of students in the specialized life skills program have not had a resource. They create their own materials and lessons. Kate Hall has advocated for these classrooms to have an adopted program. Kate created a committee which reviewed the two programs and had some access to explore the programs. TeachTown was chosen by the committee. The program will be placed on 60 day public review with the plan to request adoption for the 2026-27 school year.
- c. **Math/ELA Screener** - The math screener committee was torn between mCLASS and IXL. mCLASS is the program we will be moving forward with for ELA and Math diagnostic screening. It should be an easier shift than FastBridge, as it is more intuitive. The program will group students based on results, assign students to the correct practice in Boost and has small group plans which are easily accessible where the students are grouped. Assuming math works like the mCLASS DIBELS 8 program, it should be much easier to navigate. K-5 will have the reading Boost and K-8 will have math Boost. Although it was going to be free for us, we refused the 6-8 reading program due to the violent scenes, fighting, and weapons. The graphic organizers may have been age appropriate, but the content was not school appropriate.
- d. **2026-27 Programs** - When we received our FY27 allocation for our Title grants, Title 1 was down almost \$200,000 from this time last year. We purchase most of our supplemental programs from grants. After ensuring salaries could be paid, we had much less money to purchase other things. The Leadership Team met on Monday, April 20 to review student and teacher usage of programs, and if the use of these programs was positively affecting student achievement. We found that in some programs, such as ZEARN, teachers rarely logged in to even check on student progress. It was determined that we are not purchasing IXL, Zearn, Amira, or BrainPop next year. Amira will be a loss for BCMS, as they use it a lot in their A/B period. SR reported they will miss it as well, especially in the special education resource classroom. BrainPop has been purchased for many years. Teachers will miss that as well. However, it was mostly used for anticipatory set, and was not affecting student achievement. The committee mentioned that many out countries/areas of the world are scaling back on the use of technology in schools as research is showing it is not as beneficial as we once thought. 6th grade ELA may be where we need to look at a program. Fox Creek will have Actively Learn. With Boost reading only available for K-5, 6th is without a supplementary program for reading.
- e. **July PD** - We will have training on July 24 for Savvas science. Friday was chosen because no schools are holding Back to School Night. Teachers will not have to rush from training to the event. Teachers

in life skills programs will have training for TeachTown that first week back. We are also scheduling TouchMath professional development (which is also in 60 day public review) and Great Minds math for grades k-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Math training most likely will not be the first week teachers are officially back to work.

- f. Other - Thank you to everyone who participated in our committee this year. Next year the focus will be on ELA, reviewing our current programs, and determining if we are going to move forward with exploring a change.

III. Adjourn

Amy Morstad, Cynthia Ferguson, Jennifer Lott, Lindsey Abbott, Lorge Mae Dulangon, Marie Christine Villegas, Michele Werchau, Monica Costa, Sherri Vorak