

ELA Adoption Committee

4/25 from 4-6 via Zoom

25 APRIL 2023 / 4:00-6:00 PM / ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDEES

6-8 Committee Members-Excellent Turnout All ready to help and provide feedback!

Notes from Meeting

Introductions

Purpose

- Review of Purpose
- Adoption Timeline

Role of Committee

- Committee Teams

Broke groups into grade bands by 6th, 7th & 8th with parents, teachers and administration combined.

Collective Understanding

- Standards vs. Curriculum
- Breakdown
- Standard Placemats
- Program Development

Rubric Building Breakouts

- Break out room expectations
- Review of current rubric
- Rubric work

Feedback/Discussion 6th grade-

Rubric Breakdown

Will it have high interest passages and relevant to today's times?

Will there be standards based assessments?

What kind of student/parent friendly data reports are provided?

Does the text complexity have age appropriate content not just a focus on lexile level?

Can we have a read aloud feature in multiple languages?

Can the read aloud be controlled so a teacher can turn this on/off?

Can the read aloud speed be controlled?

What vocabulary and grammar programs are offered?

Does the publisher offer development and real support from the company?

How readily available is the representative?

Where does the digital data live? Parent concern about security levels-possible breeches

What is the reliability of the software?

Are there resources embedded in the curriculum that will address the needs of the writing standards?

Who is actually teaching writing right now?

Is the assessment adaptable or able to be modified?

Are there varied types of questions?

Is there an alternative assessment for retakes or a question bank?

Who decides that the materials are accurate and authentic and credible?

Can you explain why the generic rubric has a likert scale?

How much will this cost?

How restricted is the copyright to the materials being posted online?

What if the standards change before the adoption period ends?

Feedback/Discussion 7th grade-

Are there engaging novels?

Is there an option for cross-curricular with the standards at each grade level?

Is there a lexile level list we can pull from?

Are there passages that are shorter to keep students engaged?

Are there small group instruction options?

What type of scaffolding is there for our ELL population and teachers of ELL?

Is there support for ELA teachers with targeted minutes for ELL?

What are the grammar opportunities?

Is there neutral and non controversial text?

Is there anytype of system to flag possible sensitive content?

Is there spelling and writing offered- we have no programs that teach how to write?

Something similar wanted like Write from the Beginning.

Can we navigate the standards or filter them so we can align to our standards map?

Is it aligned with our state standards and can there be a list to choose from like in Commonlit?

We need a strong section for speaking and listening standards on the rubric.

Add assessments that are standard aligned not just comprehension questions.

Assessment length can be adjusted.

Consumables with a QR code so we aren't in computers all the time

Feedback/Discussion 8th grade-

Is it easily accessible

What are the accommodation tools? Can they be similar to what the state assessments have, for example line readers, color contrast, zooming features?

Include a variety of text types, letters, diary entries, posters, news articles, explanatory and opinion etc. not just the same passages.

Ensure alignment to state standards and that the materials address the essential standards including comparison of texts.

Add description for rigor such as what is the type of rigor; example includes opportunities for analysis, evaluation and comparison.

Include specific writing tasks and teaching strategies.

Includes opportunities for extension beyond the classroom activities.

Includes consumables to balance screen time and non-screen time.

Closing

- Review of extra-duty
- Adoption Timeline Dates
- August Meeting Date 8/24/23

ACTION ITEMS

1. See you next week at the same time!
2. Notes will be added to the website.
3. Agenda posted and sent out this week for the next meeting.