



Curriculum Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020 | 3:30 – 5 p.m. | via Zoom

Members Present: Roberta Kramer, Grace Grow, Stephanie Bray, Cameron Grow, Garren Shannon, Juston Pollestad, Trish Blehm, Kelly Laird, Madison Dissmore, Jason Bledsoe, Kellie Glaze, Kellie Laird, Julie Udy, Sergey Lapin, Tina Zweigle, Lani DeBuhr

Members Absent: Chris Franklin

Invited Guests: Joni Stevens

Old Business:

○ **Bridges in Mathematics Update**

Joni Stevens gave updates on the distribution and use of Bridges in Mathematics materials. She reported teachers are excited about the materials but are finding it challenging to teach it remotely. Joni and teachers have been collaborating together and using Math Learning Center's remote learning support and micro PD resources to help with teaching the material/curriculum remotely.

○ **ELA K-5 Supplemental Resource Update**

Joni gave updates on the ELA supplemental resources:

- **Learning A-Z Raz Plus:** Teachers are enjoying using this as an additional resource. The company has online resources and training opportunities to help teachers use it remotely. It also can give teachers assessment and intervention reports. Teachers especially like the fact they can see a child reading outside of "synchronous" learning sessions. This helps them to get a better gauge on a child's true reading level and how much they are being helped by their parent.
- **EL Learning:** This resource is highly rated and free but is intended for a whole group so it has been a bit overwhelming using it remotely. Several teachers on the IMAC are utilizing it and are excited to get the opportunity to explore.

New Business:

○ **Math Supplemental Proposal for 6-8th Grades – Presented by Joni Stevens**

The council reviewed the attached Math Supplemental Proposal to purchase Illustrative Mathematics for grades 6-8. The Council opened up the discussion for questions and comments.

- **Questions:** Garren Shannon asked if the curriculum program used Vimeo for teaching with students. The District only allows Vimeo to be used for personal/PD use by teachers and not for a platform to teach students. Joni said they use Vimeo for teacher PD but not for student use.
- **Action:**
Garren Shannon made the motion to adopt Illustrative Mathematics as a supplemental resource for grades 6-8. Stephanie Bray seconded the motion. All members in favor, zero members opposed. The motion to adopt Illustrative Mathematics as a supplemental resource for grades 6-8 passes.

3: 50pm – Roberta Kramer adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020 | 3:30 – 5:00pm | via Zoom

Supplemental 6-8 Mathematics Instructional Materials Recommendation

Submitted by Grace Grow, Maddison Dissmore, Joni Stevens

Supplemental Resources: Following Pullman School District Policy, teachers may utilize supplemental materials as they see fit, it is not required. These supplemental materials are being recommended for 2020-2021 only at this time.

Rationale: In order to best support our teachers and students during the 2020-2021 school year, the proposed supplemental resource is designed to support 6-8 Mathematics instruction in both distance and blended learning models. The need for these supplemental materials to aid our teachers is based on the current lack of standards-aligned Mathematics instructional materials and the unique situation of planned distance or blended learning during a global pandemic. This recommendation is a necessary first step in the formal adoption process for 6-8 Math Instructional Materials. Current materials are outdated in both research-based teaching practices and in standards alignment. Current materials lack the instructional framework or digital components that translates learning from in person learning to a blended or distance format.

Supplemental Materials Descriptions	Advantages of Supplemental Materials
Illustrative Mathematics- Comprehensive, standards-designed, problem-based K-12 Mathematics curriculum. IM 6-8 Math is researched-based and highly rated (meets all expectations in all three EdReports Gateways). IM is a non-profit organization committed to creating a world where learners know, use and enjoy mathematics. Materials are open source, at no cost for downloading. Professional Learning resources are also available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open-Up Resources. Free to download and use• Teachers deliver content and can modify to meet the needs of students• Distance learning supports for educators and families.• Educators are familiar with the resource.

Communication and Implementation Plans: Several teachers have utilized this resource to supplement their adopted materials in varying degrees, therefore communication and training around IM will require limited “work” for the 2020-21 school year.

This recommendation also includes a note that a formal evaluation of 6-8 Math materials is necessary and urgent.