

ELA Committee Meeting Minutes

James C. Harvey Education Center

November 29, 2016

Members Present: Kevin Dufresne, Craig Kueffner, Casei Marlan, Christie Lehman, Shannon Huff, Mark Sunderman, Jeremy Mills, Erika Fitzgerald, Jeremy Cunningham, Krista Sherman, Lance Delbridge, Melissa Netzel, Jeri Loomis, Cynthia Hyaduck, Katy Campbell, Ted Berryhill, Jen Sauser, Laura Lange, Chris D’Haene, Lara Slee

Members Absent: Shelley Probstele, Delena Allegoet, Sarrah Gani

Additional People Present: Matt Stuard

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.

Melissa Netzel reviewed the timelines of upcoming elementary publisher presentations (December 13) and asked the committee if they would be able to provide their reviews for the elementary programs by the deadline of December 6th. The committee members felt that this deadline was doable and agreed to provide their completed rubrics to Melissa by the next meeting date or earlier if possible. Melissa explained that everyone’s scores would be combined to provide an overall score for each reading program and narrow the choices down to two recommended elementary programs for the presentations on December 13 at Mason High School at a time TBD.

Matt Stuard provided an overview of the recently passed “Grade 3 Reading Bill.” Matt reminded/informed the team that the new bill requires an “evidence based reading program” as one of the components. Our current K-5 program, Benchmark Literacy, does not meet this basic requirement of the law. Matt highlighted other requirements of the law and how it would potentially impact how reading instruction is provided at grades K-3 including intensive interventions in the early grade levels, individual reading plans for students that are not reading at grade level, and potential retention for students that do not read at grade level by grade 3.

The two subgroups of the committee, using the new scoring rubric adopted in the previous meeting, spent 45 minutes reviewing and scoring the two additional elementary programs, Wonders (McGraw-Hill) and Journeys (Houghton Mifflin).

Reminder about the future meeting date on December 6, 2016 at 4:15 pm was given and the meeting was closed at 6:15 pm.