

**WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Curriculum Committee**

**Minutes**

December 15, 2022

5:15 p.m.

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Audio Recording: Yes

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**Members Present**

Tracey Anderson

Ann Grosjean

Laura Rodriguez

**Also Present**

Phil Stevens, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Erin Conley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Kristen Stevens, Literacy Coach

**1. Call to order**

Superintendent Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

**2. Science curriculum feedback**

Committee members shared feedback on the curriculum. Laura Rodriguez asked about gaps and time logistics. She mapped out the disciplinary areas and noted a couple of gaps in content. The Committee discussed how some of the units were rolled back a grade until the remainder of the OpenSciEd curriculum was released. The committee requested to fill the gaps when the units are released and move the units presented to them to the full Board.

**3. Review phonics curriculum**

Dr. Conley provided an overview of the phonics and word study curriculum. She reviewed the concepts of what makes a good reader and how phonics and word study impact a reader's growth. Dr. Conley reminded the committee that students are in a transition period due to COVID and the curriculum will help bridge the gap. She provided an overview of the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI), an open-source curriculum with the most current science of reading information. Though the curriculum is free, the school district ordered teacher manuals. A brief overview of a sound wall was provided and how they are being used. Lastly, Dr. Conley moved into the curriculum documents and provided the connection to the science of reading resources. Superintendent Stevens connected some of the curriculum work with the necessary funding to implement the curriculum. Committee members asked some questions and planned for their next meeting to review all the phonics work in late January.

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

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