

WI Early Literacy Curriculum Council (ELCC)

Thursday, January 18, 2023 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order - Vice Chairperson Amy McGovern called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00pm.

Attendance - Quorum was present.

Council Members:

Present: Amy McGovern (Chairperson), Holly Prast (Vice Chairperson), Katie Kasubaski (Secretary), Megan Dixon, Nancy Dressel, Kari Flitz, Itzel Galindo, Joe Garza, and Bill Hughes

Department of Instruction Staff: Laura Adams, John Johnson, and Tari Raatz

Approval of the Agenda - Chairperson

Motion: Katie Kasubaski motioned to approve the agenda tabling item 6b. Amy McGovern seconded the motion. **The motion was carried unanimously 9-0.**

Approval of Minutes - Vice Chairperson

Joe Garza motioned to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2024 meeting with two corrections (change 0-0 vote for approval of minutes to 9-0 and change “grand” to “grant”). Holly Prast seconded the motion. **The motion was carried unanimously 9-0.**

DPI Updates - Laura Adams

Laura shared logistics for the in-person meeting on Saturday. The WI DPI has received ten applications for the Director of the Office of Literacy position, and the WI DPI is looking into establishing a deadline in the future.

ELCC members discussed going into closed session to discuss rubric ratings. It was determined that this discussion will need to be public as required by WI open meeting laws.

ELCC members discussed the WI DPI negotiating curriculum pricing for Wisconsin schools. Deputy State Superintendent John Johnson shared that there are WI statutes regarding procurement which prevent the WI DPI from negotiating prices for school districts. Local school districts could come together through their local CESAs to help bundle and negotiate pricing. There are examples of this happening in the past.

Early Literacy Curricula and Instructional Materials for 2024 - Chairperson

Members discussed curriculum minimum average scores and criteria for curriculum to be included on the list.

Motion: Amy McGovern motioned to allow 2.8 to be the minimum cut score with seven member reviews and no should not includes. Holly Prast seconded the motion. **The motion was withdrawn.**

Motion: Amy McGovern motioned that programs that are rated a 2.8 can be brought forth to discuss for approval after January 30, 2024. Joe Garza seconded the motion. **The motion was carried 7-2.**

Motion: Katie Kasubaski moved to untable item 6.b. Holly Prast seconded the motion. **The motion was carried unanimously 9-0.**

Members discussed the next set of curricula to review to keep members moving forward in the process. Members should work on Wonders and Wit & Wisdom with Really Great Reading next because those have the most review in. The WI DPI is waiting to hear from the Apple Group about digital access. Imagine Learning needs to update their digital materials, but they are not a core curriculum. Members were updated that Open Up has two curriculum submissions, EL and Bookworms in the same folder in the portal. Members discussed submissions with more than one vendor and how teachers would know which components to implement. The next submissions to review are: Wit & Wisdom with Really Great Reading, Wonders, IMSE, EL and ARC. The goal is to have all of the submissions with yellow lines reviewed by January 22, 2024. The council reminded participants that vendors will not be presenting at the public meeting on Saturday. Vendors will be able to answer council questions in written form.

Council Updates - Chairperson

Future meetings are Wednesday, January 24 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.