

WI Early Literacy Curriculum Council (ELCC)

Tuesday, February 6, 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: Tari Raatz, Laura Adams and Tom McCarthy

Approval of the Agenda - Chairperson

Motion: Holly Prast motioned to approve the agenda. Joe Garza seconded the motion. **The motion was carried 8-0.** (Kari Flitz was not present for this vote.)

Approval of Minutes - Vice Chairperson

Joe Garza motioned to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2024 meeting as presented. Holly Prast seconded the motion. **The motion was carried unanimously 9-0.**

DPI Updates - Laura Adams, DPI

The WI DPI has received 22 applications for the Office of Literacy Director position. The application deadline is Friday, February 16, 2024.

The DPI updated the council on a timeline for the end of the current legislative session. They expect legislators to gavel out on March 1, 2024. The Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) requires a 14 day period to approve the curricula list, and DPI will send the list to the JFC no later than February 16, 2024. The WI DPI does have the legal authority to revise the list that the council recommends, but the DPI will not strike any of the curricula on the council list. The WI DPI will review the remaining partial submissions to avoid legal consequences. The primary focus will be to review the partial submissions that the council did not review and possibly renorm programs based on past scores. The WI DPI will clearly state how the list was determined including the WI DPI process to review materials. The members of the JFC will have the final authority on the list, and materials would only be added if they meet all of the ACT 20 criteria.

Other ACT 20 related legislation was discussed. There is a group of organizations looking to only screen for early literacy twice in 2024. AB 990 related to the Office of Literacy Director is an appropriations bill with a salary chart included and a line item of \$0. This is a placeholder to be

filled in during the next few weeks. The State Superintendent can appoint the Director and that person can serve in the interim until the legislature reconvenes to finalize the appointment.

Early Literacy Curricula and Instructional Materials for 2024 - Chairperson

Members discussed scoring and components of good ELA materials. Members discussed reviewing partial submissions (submissions which did not meet all of the components of ACT 20 on the self-evaluation), and agreed to prioritize reviewing submissions which met all of the components of ACT 20. The DPI clarified that the final DPI list will only include programs with all of the nine required components of ACT 20 as required for the partial reimbursement grant. The Council will begin to discuss the Office of Literacy Director after an approved list has been submitted to DPI. The WI DPI does not have a timeline for when the Council would need to be part of the director process, but not possibly until mid-March.

Members were given the next batch of materials to review by the next meeting: American Reading Company (ARC), Ready 4 Reading, Bookworms, Success for All, and the Center for Collaborative Classroom. Members should have these materials reviewed by noon on Wednesday, February 14.

Recent review scores are: Open Court 2.7, IMSE 2.0 and EL by Open Up 3.1.

Motion: Nancy Dressel motioned to approve EL by Open Up to make the final list of curricula. Joe Garza seconded the motion. **The motion was carried 9-0.**

Council Updates - Chairperson

Future meetings are Wednesday, February 14 and Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.