

MATH ADOPTION

PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: 9/22/08

MINUTES FOR KICK-OFF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.

Members present:

Jackie Hurd, Teacher, Addison
 Carol Frates, Teacher, Addison
 Desiree Rudd, Teacher, Addison
 Nick Foote, Teacher, Barron Park
 Sylvia Sanders, Teacher, Barron Park
 Cathy Howard, Principal, Barron Park
 Pamela Dappen, Teacher, Briones
 Melissa Fassler, Teacher, Duveneck
 Katie Williams, Teacher, Duveneck
 Esther Yoon, Teacher, Duveneck
 Mangla Oza, Teacher, Duveneck
 Kurt Borgwardt, Parent, Duveneck
 Kathleen Meagher, Principal, Duveneck
 Debbie Hilleary, Teacher, El Carmelo
 Stephanie Youngquist, Parent, El Carmelo
 Amy Hansen, Teacher, Escondido
 Kristina Sandoval, Teacher, Escondido
 Susan Hoff, Teacher, Fairmeadow
 Michelle Robell, Teacher, Hays
 Adrience Farrales, Teacher, Hays
 Anna Schwarzfeld, Teacher, Hays
 Cindy Schwarting, Teacher, Hoover
 Ginna Brereton, Teacher, Nixon
 Laura Lajeunesse, Teacher, Nixon
 Alison Curtis, Teacher, Nixon
 Kevin Stevens, Teacher, Nixon
 Staphanie Han, Teacher, Nixon
 Mary Pat O'Connell, Principal, Nixon

Bill Overton, Teacher, Ohlone
 Lisa Swagerty, Teacher, Palo Verde
 Paula Watson, Teacher, Palo Verde
 Kristin Foss, Parent, Palo Verde
 Kate Franklin, Teacher, JLS
 Carmen Giedt, Principal, Terman
 Xenia Hammer, Parent, Jordan
 Cherish Fernando Larsen, Teacher, Terman
 Michael Milliken, Principal, Jordan
 Sarah Pierce, Teacher, Jordan
 Lakshmi Saravanan, Teacher, JLS
 Lori Lester, Teacher, Terman (also liaison to K-5 group)
 Josh Spira, Teacher, Jordan
 Jeanne Beck, Gunn IS
 Toma Radu, Paly IS
 Ryan Fletcher, Instr. Supervisor, JLS
 Rebecca Rea, Instr. Supervisor, Terman
 Ellie Slack, Instr. Supervisor, Jordan

PAUSD District Staff Present:

Lucy deAnda, Math TOSA
 Magdalena Fittoria, Math TOSA
 Staci Stoveland, Math TOSA
 Burton Cohen, Dir., Sec. Ed.
 Becki Cohn-Vargas, Dir., Elem. Ed.
 Ginni Davis, Assistant Supt, Ed. Serv.

Introductions

Davis introduced herself and thanked all the committee members for participating. All committee members then introduced themselves.

Superintendent's Welcome

Skelly said he looked forward to the improvement of the district's already stellar math program. He also touched on his background as a math teacher, the district's strategic plan, staff development, and the need for a single adoption district-wide for each grade in order to keep math education more consistent across the district.

Discussion involved clarification of the goal of using the same publisher for Grades 6-8.

PAUSD Math Vision/Mision

Stoveland reviewed the activities and staff work leading up to this meeting and subsequent math adoption committee work. Fittoria reviewed the draft vision and mission statements.

Charge to Committee

Cohen and Cohn Vargas introduced the charges to the K-5 and Grade 6-8 groups.

Discussion included a question about when adopted texts would be put into use.

Roles, Expectation,

Davis voiced her appreciation for the parents who went through the application process and

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were participating in this work. She also noted that this group needed to consider the whole range of student needs. In addition, a strong text program would help new teachers. The group then discussed past experiences they had when working in groups.

Break to K-5 and 6-8
Committee Groups
Calendar and Sub Codes

The group broke into K-5 and Grade 6-8 groups.

In the K-5 group, Stoveland reviewed binder contents. She said the list of meeting dates included meetings for both the Math Network and the Math Adoption Committee. She said the SubFinder code for teachers needing a sub would be **40-307** (don't select the "Personal Day Without Pay" option).

Math Program Criteria
Form

Fittoria reviewed the criteria form, which was developed based on state standards alignment. She said the group should become familiar with the grade level standards, as well as the district vision and mission. Fittoria said the criteria form reflects the five required criteria on the rating form any new curriculum must meet.

Group discussion included: criteria group members found very important.

Looking Ahead to
Reviewing Materials at
SCCOE

Stoveland said the next meeting would be held on October 7, 2008 at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and teachers should call in for subs immediately. She also urged people to carpool. Chapters, units, and/or topics had been chosen for each grade level group to review. It was hoped that nine could be narrowed down to three or four.

On October 16, the chosen publishers would be asked to present their philosophy and components. Then the group would narrow down to two or three to pilot.

Stoveland asked the group to do some homework: get very familiar with the criteria form in the binder and get familiar with the documents under the "Math Network Implementation Plan."

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.