



# 2018-19 Middle School Social Studies Adoption Committee Selection Meeting Minutes

## What

A meeting of the Middle School Social Studies Adoption Committee was held at The Landings, on 01/16/2019

## Attendees

### Committee Members

Anne Bertlesen, Kathryn Brandow, James Case, Dave Davenport, Matt Davis, Sarah Demersman, Wendi Dunlap, Jan Ehart, Kate Hefner, Chad Jackson, Stan Judd, Deb Kaiser, Joann Kennedy, Carol Lavallee, Alevtina Lazareva, Greg Lindquist, Jenna Molinaro, Georgeann Morrow, Elizabeth Ogren, Kim Olsen, Mark Prybylski, Phil Puzzanchera, Jen Pyott, Jessica Scherzer, Jeremy Sensenig, Kevin Smisor

### Staff

Tracy Prince – Middle School Science Curriculum Specialist

Jamal Guilar – Digital Instructional Materials Specialist

Sue Meckler – Director, Middle School Curriculum

### Facilitator

Rob Manoogian, Manager – Instructional Materials

## New business

1. Welcome - Mr. Manoogian started the meeting by thanking the participants.
  - a. He explained that the committee generates the recommendation for adoption to the district, that the board must approve, and the state mandated challenge process must be followed prior to the materials being officially adopted by the school district.
  - b. Package components (ancillary and supplemental) may be affected by budget but student and teacher editions are non-negotiable
2. Schools were asked to rank order their choice of recommended publisher
3. Mr. Manoogian stated that survey data indicated that things were measured equally in meeting expectations. Discussion amongst the committee members to determine which product does this better. If necessary, the evaluation data can be disaggregated. He also requested that the first order of business should be for the Committee to narrow down the selections from three to two.
4. Venice Middle - concerns with Discovery based on science teachers. Not happy with amount of training received and errors. HMH – they were concerned with Civics content – missing chunks from Civics standards.
5. Sarasota Middle - said that we are up for a refresh and not guaranteed for 1 to 1. Discovery won't be the best option either. No 1-to-1 for assessments. Issues with internet. Science teachers have had materials they were going to use, and they were missing when the textbook was updated. She was willing to get rid of HMH but would rather HMH than Discovery at this point. Indicated that there was going to be 1 to 1 ratio in science. Mr. Manoogian and Mrs. Meckler stated that this was not the case. It was agreed that we would be two to one.

6. Sarasota Middle- Discovery workbook is not helpful. They prefer the workbook from HMH and mentioned that cell phone policy may change access to codes in Discovery book. Mrs. Meckler updated the committee on the status of the cell phone policy discussion at the district level.
7. Woodland Middle – Referenced the ability to use QR codes in the Discovery materials. Discovery videos are current and high resolution – did an excellent job with images. HMH was more dated. Felt that McGraw-Hill and Discovery were better with content for World.
8. Pine View - commented that that works well in World History but may not be as important in Civics and US. Jenna liked the organization and layout of Discovery, but a downfall is solely an online platform.
9. Heron Creek – concerns regarding access to internet access in the remaining remote areas of south county
10. Woodland Middle - said that Discovery might not be a viable option due to the tech issue. What would happen if the Discovery votes were recast for the other two?
11. Mr. Manoogian discussed the changes in technology for all publishers. The last social studies adoption was five years ago so none of the publishers had technology in place that mirrors what they offer today.
12. Pine View - Discovery might be in running if they had a textbook. Mr. Manoogian added that the Science teachers wanted a textbook, so Discovery responded by creating a print version of online platform. They have come further with the workbook in Social Studies.
13. WMS said that they wanted to move their #1 from Discovery to McGraw-Hill with Discovery being moved to #2.
14. Mrs. Meckler addressed a question and concern about professional development. Discovery provided more hours than any publisher before. If teachers didn't feel they got enough training, it may be because of how the training was structured. One-way PD was addressed was for teachers to meet for 2 hrs. 6, 7, 8 grades in 2-hr chunks at each school for a more personalized experience rather than big massive trainings. Admin needs to know if teachers are dissatisfied so Sue can be informed. We are asking what teachers want the PD to be.
15. Brookside -asked to eliminate Discovery – schools were unanimous in voting for elimination. Sarasota Middle wanted to clarify that the vote meant that Discovery had been removed from consideration. Mr. Manoogian confirmed this.
16. Conversation prior to voting. Sarasota Middle stated that McGraw-Hill added the book and the Study Smart, LearnSmart. The textbook is identical. Online textbook can now be typed directly in it and videos have changed with more images. Brookside added that assessment was added to make it better. Students can mark and translate.
17. Can someone make an argument for HMH? Lexile is higher- Pine View. WMS said Lexile is higher, but the workbook is a simpler read than textbook.
18. McIntosh Middle - HMH is written more clearly. McGraw-Hill is the devil we know. They have made the workbook more complicated. HMH workbook is better.
19. Venice Middle said that the McGraw-Hill workbook was meant as a supplement. HMH was missing standard alignment for Civics and there are huge gaps. It may be written well, but what about the alignment.
20. McIntosh Middle said that it is frustrating with McGraw-Hill that the textbook is weaker and ineffective.
21. Sarasota Middle - We can look elsewhere to fill gaps, but we must think about first year teachers. If they follow the textbook, their kids will have gaps. Pine View said to give new teachers more credit but that it could be done with both books. Sarasota Middle remembers the last adoption and that we had to look at the big picture because we can only pick one.
22. Brookside said McGraw-Hill Study Smart will help his lower level students more. Heron Creek said that HMH went into much more detail, but the McGraw-Hill online impressed her. Addresses timeline, vocabulary, foldables, with questions. It is not a copy of the textbook or the workbook. She liked the way they redesigned

the US History online book. It was different than the Civics. Reading Essentials is a great tool. They made assessments easier to access.

23. Sarasota Middle said that both HMH and McGraw-Hill allow for Lexiles to be changed. Pine View mentioned that neither go up, only down in level.

BREAK – 5 minutes was given for a restroom break and schools were asked to recast votes

24. Revote was done for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for each school.

25. Resumed the meeting at 6:38.

26. Publishers                      First                      Second

27. HMH –                              1                              7

28. McGraw-Hill -                      7                              1

29. McIntosh Middle said that they believe it is still the better choice, but they are not going to fight over it.

McGraw-Hill is the easiest because you don't have to change anything. They are willing to change to McGraw-Hill.

30. Mr. Manoogian asked if the committee was prepared to decide and asked for a show of hands by school for McGraw-Hill to be the choice. all 8 schools agreed to choose McGraw-Hill as the recommended textbook.

## Next Steps

31. Mr. Manoogian explained that the decision will go to the Board in February. Per state statute, the community then has 30 days to object to the board recommendation.
32. Pending board approval and a successful challenge period, Mr. Manoogian will begin the ordering process.
- a. Next step is to determine the components that we are going to order in the new adoption. Are we going to go Class Sets or 1 -to-1? All students will have digital.
  - b. McIntosh Middle - said that would mean 25 books in media in addition to the class sets? Rob said yes, that is the case.
  - c. Enrollment information and budget considerations will also be used to guide decisions on any supplemental materials that can be order.
33. Questions or concerns? Sarasota Middle asked if the committee could be kept in the loop with what was going on.
34. Mr. Manoogian hopes that they will have digital access to a TE by end of the year, but it might not be their official copy. Mr. Guilar said that they will try to give temporary summer access for planning purposes, but things can't be saved in those versions.
35. Samples – wait and Rob will talk to media aides about the removal of samples. DO NOT BAR CODE SAMPLES. Other materials do not belong in classrooms. They will be recycled. Old materials will be removed – this communication will take place through media aid and they will send out announcements.

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Chair

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Date of approval