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K-5 Science Adoption Committee



Goals for Today

1. Discuss revisions to the curriculum adoption timeline.
2. Complete analysis of the candidate elementary science materials.
3. Rank materials on several criteria for the purpose of selecting 2 publishers to pilot.

K-5 Science Pilot Timeline

Date	Project Item
Spring 2016	Pilot Committee Reviews and Selects Materials for Pilot
May 2016	Recruit and Select Teachers for K-5 Science Pilot
August 2016	Initial K-5 Science Pilot Training
Fall and Winter 2016-17	K-5 Science Pilot Implementation & Second Training (11/16)
Spring 2017	Analyze Findings and Develop Pilot Report for IMC
Spring 2017	Deliver Findings and Recommendations to IMC
Spring 2017	School Board Final Approval

IMC = Instructional Materials Committee

K-5 Pilot Structure

12 Kits will be piloted at each grade level (6 Amplify & 6 FOSS).

Amplify and FOSS will be taught during Fall & Winter.

The traditional FOSS curriculum will be taught during Spring.

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Group A	Amplify Pilot Unit	FOSS Pilot Unit	Traditional
Group B	FOSS Pilot Unit	Amplify Pilot Unit	Traditional



Ranking the Curriculum Materials

- 60 minutes in grade-band teams to discuss and complete the survey.
 - Elect a “Computer Captain” who can launch Chrome and have tabs open to FOSS, TCI, and Amplify.
 - Consider each SharePoint survey question:
 - Each team member will have an opportunity to share his/her thinking.
 - Talking points should be evidence based.
 - Use the provided NGSS booklet as necessary.
 - Each member should complete the survey.

Amplify.



Results

- The committee's analysis of the 3 publishers found Amplify and FOSS to be the best fit.
 - Committee [survey data](#).
- The committee voted unanimously to eliminate TCI and proceed with FOSS and Amplify for the pilot.



Introducing Amplify Science.

Developed in partnership with UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science, our research-based digital curriculum integrates the strategies, tools and assessments students need for developing deep scientific understanding to meet the NGSS.



Next Steps

- Pilot invitations to K-5 teachers will go out this week.
- The summer PD is scheduled for August 18/19.
- Our final meeting is scheduled for May 16
 - We will share the evaluation criteria and finalize the pilot structure.

Members in Attendance

- Maria Capestany
- Susan Webster
- Colette Graybeal
- Maria Manca
- Anna Hatlestad
- Amy Winstanley
- Dawn Redemann
- Ashley Richardson
- Rebecca Mayes
- Nicole Shimizu
- Patrick Brown
- Tessa Heady
- Amy MacDonald
- Greg Bianchi
- Cheri Bortleson