

## **CAC CURRICULUM MEETING - MINUTES OF 01.10.17**

**ATTENDANCE:** Lisa K. Hopp, Mary VanSlyck, Julie Winterhalder Rebecca Miller; Melissa Owens (CAC Chair) and Dr Suzanne Johnson, Asst Superintendant Director of Teaching & Learning (liason)

**Call to order:** 7:10 pm by Lisa Hopp, Chair

### **Science Curriculum Update, Marc Hans k-12 Science Coordinator**

The Science Department has a new website, [www.u46science.org](http://www.u46science.org)

- it is accessible directly, or through the main U46 site, under "Departments and Programs"
- pop up box is direct email to ask any questions
- tabs include "Curriculum" and "Events"

#### Resources for Grades 1-6

- 3 different resources were selected for these grades.

1-2 "Interactive Science" (Pearson)

3-4 "Exploring Science" (National Geographic)

5-6 ""Science Dimensions" (HMH Fusion – Houghlin)

These resources were selected because they best align with U46 science curriculum and NGSS standards, have materials available in Spanish (especially vital for grades 3-4 where science is taught in Spanish in Dual Language classes), have both print and online materials, and the resources all include material kits of consumables for hands on activities.

- Total cost for Grades 1-6 classroom resources: \$1,755,467.03

#### Resources for Grades 7-8

- Resource selected is "Middle School Science" (1STC Carolina)

This resource also best aligns with U46 curriculum and NGSS standards. Selection committee members appreciated that it was inquiry based and focused on hands on science ("Doing science!"). This resource includes print and online editions, kits of consumables for hands on activities, and materials for supporting ESL students.

- Total cost for Grades 7-8 classroom resources \$1,988,888.40

#### Curriculum and Resources for High School Science

- when approved by U46 Board of Education, curriculum for high school Biology, Chemistry and Physics will be available at [www.u46science.org](http://www.u46science.org)

- "Biology 2018" "Chemistry 2017" and "Physics 2017" – all from HMH Science Dimensions

- at this time, resources and curriculum do not include honors classes. U46 staff is having an ongoing discussion on these classes, the AP classes of the same subjects, and how "honors" should be unique

- High school material costs include laptop carts for Biology and non-consumable lab equipment.

- Total Cost for all three HS science subject resources \$1,190,393.20

With Board approval, the resources and new high school curriculum will be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year

**MINUTES OF 01.10.17 – continued**

**Minutes of 01.10.16** were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mary VanSlyk, second by Melissa Owens Minutes approved.

**Other Business; Committee discussed -**

No other business was discussed

**Public Comment** – Guest Mary Boyd commented that she enjoyed learning what the curriculum committee does and enjoyed the science update. As a bus driver, she feels it is important to learn more about what students do in class.

**Next Meeting** –March 14, 2017 – Peggy Ondera, Director of Early Learning, FDK update

**Meeting adjourned** 9:00 pm.