

July 22-24, 2013 Social Studies Curriculum Meeting

Mr. Dusek welcomed the committee members and expressed his appreciation for them coming during summer day to work on the curriculum revision. He also spoke to the importance of the common assessment work that would come later in the curriculum revision process. Dr. Ermold and Mr. O'Brien were present as well.

Melissa Linton explained the 2 year curriculum adoption process, the importance of the new AK literacy standards and the curriculum design process the teachers would use.

It was explained to the group as a whole that if you miss a meeting any decisions made is when it will be presented to the KPBSD Board during the work session and November is when it is brought to the board for adoption. All teachers in the district will have an opportunity to give feedback during the first couple of weeks of September.

The timeline is;

September - Choose the curriculum resources, teach and board feedback of the curriculum draft.

December/January – Purchase the curriculum resources

April – The materials ordered (for the following year) should arrive, and training on the new curriculum should follow. Professional development needs will be brought to Dr. Ermold.

Definite criteria will be set for the materials because the publishers will want to know exactly why their materials were not chosen. Rubrics will be crafted for this purpose.

The committee members were advised not to accept samples, webinars, etc. from publishers on a personal basis, and the publishers will try to send materials to individual members. The committee's next meeting for material review is September 24th and we are looking at dates to meet to continue curriculum work and look at feedback from the teachers and the school board.