



**K-12 SCIENCE**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
 February 22, 2024 – Wakeland Support Center  
 8:30 – 3:30 pm

	Topic Discussion	Notes and Action Items
1.	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Alison Nichols, Director-Elementary Curriculum opened meeting at 8:40AM</i></li> <li>• <i>Assigned Groups</i> <b>Designated Areas and seating.</b></li> <li>• <i>WIFI Instructional</i> <i>Login information provided and reviewed.</i></li> <li>• <i>Overview of Committees</i></li> <li>• <i>Agenda Review</i></li> </ul>
2.	Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Submitted online 02/18/2024 from Stephanie Beardsley:</i>            “Science is science and proven by research. Religion does NOT belong in our schools, to include calling proven facts “theory”. Also, I find it fascinating that these panels were not mentioned in the emails we get sent from the school board. If community input was genuinely requested, why are parents not told?”</li> </ul>
3.	General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Evaluator Protocol</i></li> <li>• <i>Affidavit Review</i></li> <li>• <i>Instructional Material Review</i>  <i>Presentation: 20 minutes</i>  <i>Q&amp;A: 10 minutes</i>  <i>Review: 30 minutes</i></li> </ul>
4.	Publisher Presentations, Q & A, Evaluations	<p><b>Florida Stem Scopes (855-915 am)</b>  <b>Features:</b>  <i>-Available in Spanish, digital format</i>  <i>-Extra Steam programs are available (Gabby’s Doll house)</i>  <i>-BBC Learning Libraries available</i>  <i>-Customizing Pacing Guides and Instructional Frameworks</i>  <i>-Lesson plans available to K-5 for all levels of educator (principal, teacher, coach, substitute)</i>  <i>-HOME tabs in Scopes has the review of what the standards are, and pre-assessments)</i>  <i>-Bozeman Science, Amoeba Sisters, Crash Course Kids, BBC all included in program</i></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A (915-925AM)</b>  <i>Is the Stemscope pedia (hardcover) a consumable?</i>  <i>-No</i>  <i>K-2 format (Stemscope pedia) available?</i>  <i>-No, but for the lessons you would review your student notebook in the active reader section.</i>  <i>Beginning and ending of the year assessment is there a spiral review?</i>  <i>-You can pull assessments in the systems at any time to review the information.</i></p>

***Is there a mid-year review available?***

-There is no middle of the year review, but you can pull topics to create your own assessments to test students.

***Are there any items that would be considered an extra purchase?***

-The hands-on kits are considered extra purchase items

***Student notebook does not have the standards listed?***

-Accelerate Learning representatives will check with team to see if the standards can be added.

The state does not require the standards to be listed in the notebook that is why the notebook does not have listed. In the online platform, the standards are listed where the teachers can send a copy home for the parents to review.

At the end of each scope is there an assessment? --

Yes, in the evaluate section of the online platform.

***For statewide assessments do you have those types of assessments already available?***

-No, we have a bank that has the assessment questions.

***Scope assessments can we change the questions?***

-Yes. From the bank you can use questions to create your own assessment.

***Can you find questions for the assessments from the bank that aligns with the standard?***

-Absolutely.

***For the assessment who need to have read to them, is that available?***

-Yes. This program has an accessibility feature.

***What languages is the program available in?***

***Spanish and English (the translation in Spanish is written authentically)***

***Student launch pad have a tile?***

-Yes

***After completion of assignment is there a way for the student review and is the next assignment assigned to the students?***

-Students are always able to review the assignment once completed but the system does not assign the next assignment to the student, but the educator can assign.

***If you create a lesson plan in the program, can I share this with my team?***

-Yes

***Evaluation Time (925-955 AM)***

***Discovery Education (1010-1030AM)***

***Features:***

***-Shark week OR Myth Buster affiliate***

***-Partnership with Guy Harvey***

***-Global science techbook company***

***-Available in English/Spanish and 130 other languages***

***-Classlink and Schoology already linked through the system***

***-Students are introduced, through the platform, to scientist from all around the world.***

***-PL is available for the length of the adoption.***

***-(Grade 5) Young Scientist Program available***

***Q&A: (1030-1040AM)***

***Accessibility is a little vague. Can you explain?***

You can access the online platform for all your resources. We have assessment access, lesson plans, ***Language for teacher addition in print is not available in Spanish?***

-Correct. The online platform does provide it in Spanish. The student print is available in Spanish, and you can also find the PDF formats in Spanish and several different languages.

***ELL student data be available in only English?***

-You can access that data in several different languages.

***Are the kits included?***

There are different levels of the adoption that will provide certain types of kits. It would be dependent on grade level and requirement of the district.

***Pre and post test for each content?***

-You can use the SSA practice form or the summative. You can also use the Assessment Builder to create an assessment.

***Evaluation Time: 1040AM-1115AM)***

***Reviewed committee of Sunshine Law and Prohibited Communication prior to breaking for lunch***

***LUNCH Break 11:15-12:45***

***McGraw Hill (1245-105PM)***

***Features:***

***-Tool for Grade 3-5 Lesson and text support in Spanish***

***-Google slide presentations***

***-Florida State test prep at EVERY level***

***-Videos and Adaptive Learning Tools that can be assigned to students (REFRESH)***

***-Key Moments in the teacher edition can help guide educators to complete learning sections in 60 minutes per week***

***Q&A: (105-115PM)***

***From Districts that you service what is does the data show as far as Science scores?***

-The program is written specifically for Florida Standards

***Do the videos speak to vocabulary?***

-Each lesson plan does have vocabulary specific to that unit as the student reviews the content.

***Does Kahoots need a subscription to use with your platform?***

-No, Kahoots does not need subscription

***Is this science notebook what students will get?***

-No, the Science notebook provided is just an example of how students can formulate their own notebooks, however on the online platform, we teach students how to use the prompts to create their own notebook

***Digital demos for specific grades available?***

-Yes

***5<sup>th</sup> grade allowed to access other grade levels.***

-Yes

***How would a substitute get access to your platform?***

-Many of the programs can be downloaded for substitutes to review and we can provide them a

temporary account to access lessons.  
***Can I pull test questions for one grade level while teaching another level?***  
 -Yes  
***Does Assessments print out as PDF's? And Word? And can they be edited?***  
 -Assessments can be printed as PDF and Word formats so that educators can edit as needed.  
***Hands on kit part of the main core purchase?***  
 -NO, hands on kits are an additional purchase  
***Evaluation Time: 115-145PM***

***SAVAAS ((2:00-2:20PM)***

***Features:***

- *Mission Possible program*
- Strong Academic Vocabulary*
- Text can be read to student*
- Students can write in their own notes within text*
- Partnership with Science 3D*
- Numbered paragraphs as instructed by educators across the state*

***Q&A: (2:20-2:30PM)***

***Is the demo account limited?***  
 -Demo account has everything that is in the program  
***Do you have VR content?***  
 -No, not at this time. Representatives will find out if there is a timeline for VR access.  
***Student consumable printed in Spanish?***  
 -It is an option  
***5<sup>th</sup> grade assessment workbook come with everything?***  
 -Yes, and available per student  
***Understanding that you can edit- is their audible edition?***  
 -Yes.  
***Are access points available?***  
 -In the teacher's guide  
***Is there hands on kits available?***  
 -They are an optional purchase  
***Evaluation Time (230-3:00PM)***

Closing

- ***Reminders to the Committee:***
- ***Final Evaluation Submissions***  
 All Evaluations are due by end of business day:  
*(Tuesday) February 27, 2024*
- ***Reminder about Prohibited Communications***  
 Adoption committee members are prohibited from discussing committee business outside of a noticed public meeting in any way including:  
 -Oral discussions: face to face/in-person, phone, video/teleconference, live chatting, leaving of voicemail or messages.  
 -Written correspondence: letters, faxes, e-mails, text messages, instant messaging, or through other electronic communications (Facebook, Instagram, or other social media platforms)

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Next Meeting</b><br/>Adoption Finalist Selection will be taking place on:<br/><b>Thursday February 29, 2024</b><br/><b>Elementary School 830AM-1030AM (2051)</b><br/><b>Middle School 1PM-3PM (2054)</b><br/><b>High School 830AM-1030AM. (2054)</b></li></ul> |
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- **Items of discussion during the meeting:**  
Review Committee Evaluation Data  
Finalists Selections

*Alison Nichols, Director Elementary Curriculum, thanked committee members and the meeting concluded at 2:55PM.*

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