



Orange Unified School District

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

February 28, 2023

3:45pm – 5:00pm

1. Welcome

Presenter: Lisa Green

Lisa Green welcomed all to the meeting. She spoke of the site visits that she and Nicole Van Wilgen Moore have been going on and the presentations that would be given today.

2. EDGE Advancing Foundational Literacy

Presenter: Raeanne Little

Mrs. Little presented a new professional learning opportunity being offered to PK-2nd grade teachers. The first cohort of the EDGE Advancing Foundational Literacy teacher leaders has begun. The focus is to provide structured, evidence-based foundational literacy instruction to advance students reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. These teacher leaders will be participating in training throughout the rest of this school year. Mrs. Little spoke about resources that teachers will have available to strengthen their systematic phonics and phonemic awareness instruction. Currently there are 45 teachers signed up in this first cohort. Teachers will earn extra earnings for participating in this cohort.

3. Interim Assessments

Presenter: Jana Saenz

Mrs. Saenz presented a slide show about different types of assessments, including diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments. The purpose of assessments is to increase student achievement. She also spoke specifically about the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments. Interim assessments are optional tests that measure what students know and can do using the Common Core State Standards for English language arts and mathematics. The purpose of the interim assessments is to provide teachers and administrators with results they can use to support teaching and learning. Mrs. Saenz also shared the many tools and resources available to support teachers.

4. Nearpod

Presenters: Randy Kolset

Mr. Kolset shared a slide show using Nearpod. The idea is to use the lessons to help save teachers' time and provide an engaging learning experience for students. He had everyone sign into their device and do an activity so they could see how it works. He shared how the activities aligned to standards.

5. Discovery Education Alignment:

Presenter: Lisa Green

Mrs. Green talked about the standards alignment that has been done with Discovery Education. It will soon be an available resource on our single sign in on the dashboard. It is a supplemental tool where teachers can access videos, activities, lesson plans, quizzes and strategies to support student attainment of the standards.

6. Closing: Lisa Green thanked everyone for participating and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.