



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

February 27, 2018

Location: Boardroom 2

3:30-5:00 pm

1. Welcome

Cathleen Corella welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Educational Services Update

Presenter: Anne Truex / Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen

Anne Truex announced that Cerro Villa Middle School will be receiving the "Schools To Watch" Award. School representatives will be going to Sacramento to receive the award. Dr. Hansen also shared some information with members. March 6th, 2018 there will be an open discussion at Canyon High School. With the recent events about school shootings, OUSD wants to put together an informative presentation on Active Shooter have law enforcement from our community come and share information on how they are part of OUSD's safety plan. This is open to the public. Dr. Hansen also briefly touched on the possible March 14th student walkouts that are being plan around the country in remembrance of those 17 students that lost their lives in the Florida school shooting. Dr. Hansen has met with principals and district administrator to plan for this day and always keeping in mind the safety of students.

Cathleen wanted to share an event that some students from El Modena High School participated in. Maureen Fechter who is a P21 Pathway Specialist at El Modena HS and a member of Curriculum Council, talked about some of the things that the Culinary Arts students experience at the Link Learning Conference. They received lots of information and students had a great experience.

3. Adoptions

Presenter: National Geographic Learning (Tom Eddy, Emily Ledterman,
Eric Bredenberg)

National Geographic U.S. History America Through the Lens is a new United States History program for high school. This new program integrates literacy with content knowledge through support for reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. It includes National Geographic Learning's Modified Text feature providing content at two grades levels below the on-level content. The program presents manageable two- and four-page lessons, following a clear unit-chapter-lesson organization. It views history as an exploration of identity and a celebration of cultural heritage and diversity. Featured in this new program are National Geographic Explorers, along with National Geographic maps, images, and photography.

Nat Geo uses explores through the textbook and takes students through the different timelines of US History. The textbook creates a great connection with museums and uses great examples throughout the textbook. The online/digital version has features like: a text highlighter, modified text, and videos. Included in this adoption are: One classroom set of textbooks, Consumables (at teachers request), training, and arranging an explore from the textbook to come visit the classroom.

Presenter: **Pearson Learning** (Shannon Breslow, Yvette Payne, Brian Vaccaro, Deborah Thompson)

Pearson: Precalculus: Blitzer Precalculus 6th Edition is the textbook that was chosen for this adoption. Bob Blitzer draws on his unique background in mathematics and behavioral science to present a wide range of vivid applications in real-life situations. Students stay engaged because Blitzer uses pop-culture and up-to-date references to connect math to students' lives, showing that our world is profoundly mathematical. With this new edition, Blitzer takes student engagement with the mathematical world to a new level drawing from applications across all fields as well as topics that are of interest to any student. Applications are also brought to life online in a new, assignable video series that explore the mathematical Blitzer Bonus boxes. The new edition also aims to help students succeed in the course with just-in-time support in the text as well as support within MyLab Math. MyLab Math is an online homework, tutorial, and assessment program designed to work with and engage students and improve results. Within its structured environment, students practice what they learn, test their understanding, and pursue a personalized study plan that helps them absorb course material and understand difficult concepts.

Pearson: Calculus Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic, 5th Edition: is the textbook that was chosen for the Calculus adoption. This program is specifically designed to engage students and provide endless practice opportunities to ensure students master the concepts and help teachers teach students the knowledge and skills outlines in the AP Calculus Curriculum Framework and Mathematical Practices for AP Calculus. In this edition, author David Bressoud adds his expertise in calculus and knowledge of the AP Calculus exam. There is also an added amended exercises to reflect the new focus and style of free-response questions on the AP examinations. This edition was written for today's high school math student. The textbook follows a concept they call Rule of Four which consist of analytic/algebraic, numerical, graphical, and verbal methods of representing problems. Some of the highlights of this textbook include:

- **Explorations:** helps build students' problem-solving abilities by guides them in developing a mathematical model of a problem, solving the mathematical model, supporting or confirming the solution, and interpreting the solution
- **Mathematical practices exercises:** with more than 80 Quick Quiz exercises and 560 Quick Review exercises
- **AP Test Prep book:** written specifically for use with this text to prepare students for the AP exam
- Align with the latest AP Calculus Curriculum Framework and Mathematical Practices for AP Calculus.
- Motivate students with chapter openers that show how important calculus models are in real-world behavior

- Improve and update historical notes with new author Bressoud's insights
- Add and amend exercises to reflect changes in the free-response questions of the AP exam

Pearson: American Government and Economics Textbook: The new program is made accessible for today's students through clear, appealing narrative and engaging activities, questions, and primary sources. The program bridges time-tested best practices, curriculum standard expectations, and technology. Available in print, digital, and blended options. Pearson has partner up with NBC Learn which provides videos on the digital platform which introduces the topic for each chapter. The NBC Learn videos work on any device. There is no internet needed to access the online resources. Some of the highlights for these two textbooks are:

- Visual Literacy
- Interactive Image Gallery
- Interactive Maps
- Primary sources
- Inquiry Companion
- 3 levels of text
- Reading and note talking guide

Presenter was able to show members a bit of the online resources and the digital version of the textbooks.

4. Closing

*Cathleen thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM