

Middle School Science Adoption Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Central Services, Room 212

Time: 9:00 – 3:30 pm



Attendees:

- Julie Bennett, Kulshan
- Miguel Boriss, Fairhaven
- Nicole Brown, Whatcom
- Don Burgess, WWU SMATE
- Megan Butcher, Kulshan
- Meagan Dawson, Kulshan
- James Fegel, Fairhaven

- Mike Finley, Fairhaven
- Beth Insera, Shuksan
- Patricia Kadel, Kulshan & Whatcom
- Lynnelle Larson, Shuksan
- Will Middlebrooks, Shuksan
- Laurie Mueller, Kulshan
- Alli Neils-LeMoine, Shuksan

- Marit Olson, Common Threads Educator
- Andrew Rodrigues, Parent
- Doug Stark, Parent
- Sam Stoner, Whatcom
- Chad Wertz, Whatcom
- Charisse Berner, Director of T & L
- Sarah Walker, PK-12 Science TOSA

Topic	Discussion	Decision
1. Welcome and Introductions		Groups focused on ways to engage in active listening,
2. Curriculum Presentations:		No decision
3. Debrief of Curriculum Presentations	The last hour of this meeting was talking about the initial reactions to the four semi-finalist programs. Teachers shared strengths and challenges based on what they heard. Strengths of these programs included simulations, tech tools and online platforms to be strong. There were concerns expressed about the “newness” (not finished yet) of <i>Science Alive!</i>	Committee Members decided to eliminate <i>Project Based Inquiry Science</i> because it was developed before the NGSS and did not match our desired outcomes for students. The committee recommended we

		continue to examine <i>Amplify</i> , <i>Elevate</i> and <i>Science Alive</i> !
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Summary: In this meeting, we heard presentations from each of the four programs that were identified by our screening tool: *Amplify*, *Elevate*, *Project Based Inquiry Science* and *Science Alive*. We will continue to explore *Amplify*, *Elevate* and *Science Alive*. The committee decided to eliminate *Project Based Inquiry Science* because it did not match our intended scope and sequence and while it had elements of the three dimensions of science instruction, it was developed before the standards.

Next meeting dates: March 20, 2018