

Stanwood-Camano School District #401

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Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Memorandum

To: The Stanwood-Camano School Board of Directors

Fr: Lloy Schaaf, Ed.D.

Re: Adoption Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Committee (IMC)

Date: February 18, 2020

Attached, please find the notes from the Instructional Materials Committee meeting on February 5, 2020. The committee is recommending the adoption and approval of the following materials:

- *Frames for Fluency*, Ballard & Tighe, 2010, for elementary and secondary English Language instruction;
- *Hands-On English*, Ballard & Tighe, 2018, for elementary English Language instruction;
- *Carousel of ideas*, Ballard & Tighe, 2005, for elementary English Language Instruction;
- *Champion*, Ballard & Tighe, 2008, for secondary English Language instruction;
- *Beast Academy*, Art of Problem Solving, 2019, for grades 2-5 highly capable students;
- *Edgenuity*, on-line program, 2019, continually up-dated, for grades 6-12.

Recommendation: That the School Board of Directors approve the adoption of materials outlined above.

Stanwood-Camano
Instructional Materials Committee
February 5, 2020
4:00-5:00

Present for IMC: Kerri Cunningham, Monica McDaniel, Shannon Austin, DeAnn Larson, Jeanne Kelly, Lloy Schaaf, Jennifer Saterfield

Presenters: Joyce Zeigen, Cate Perry, Jennifer Allen, Ryan Ovenell, Caitlyn Pratt

- The committee began by reviewing process and policy for curriculum adoption. The committee was reminded that it is the IMC that makes the recommendation to the School Board for approval or not. The School Board is the final review and decision maker.
- Joyce Zeigen reviewed English Language materials including Frames for Fluency, Carousel and Hands-On English. Joyce demonstrated different components of the program and shared student work. These programs are designed for elementary students and some components are appropriate for *Newcomers (students who are new to the country with little or no English)*
- Cate Perry shared information about her pilot with Champion for secondary students. Cate walked us through an on-line component and shared how she was using it in her classroom. The program is developmentally appropriate for secondary students.
- Caitlyn Pratt shared information related to English Learner numbers. Our numbers continue to rise. At one time, we served 100 students for EL, this year we are serving 117 students and had recently received two students new to the program.
- Jennifer Allen presented Beast Academy. This program is meant to serve grades 2-5 highly capable students. Currently, the highly capable teachers are piloting this program and have found great success. This program develops problem solving skills and higher order thinking skills. It has both an on-line component and a paper/pencil component.
- Ryan Ovenell presented Edgenuity which is an on-line program which addresses middle level and high school level courses. High school staff has had the opportunity to pilot this program during summer school in 2019. The rigor and alignment to Washington State Standards is notable. Additionally, the teaching components include videos of actual teachers, teaching the subjects. This program offers course from middle school to Advanced Placement (AP) courses. All content areas are available. Edgenuity is also an approved on-line provider by the Washington State Office of Public Instruction.

- The committee asked questions of the presenters and reviewed curriculum evaluation forms for each program.
- The committee is recommending that the following programs go forth to the Stanwood-Camano School Board of Directors for approval:
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