



# Curriculum Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, December 09, 2024 | 3:30pm | ZOOM

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**Meeting called by:** Roberta Kramer, Assistant Superintendent

**Present:** Jill Bickelhaupt, Kristen Coke-Sutton, Luke Conley, Debbie Crabtree, Tyler Craigie, Evan Hecker, Roberta Kramer, Tammy Sewell, Jennifer Hamilton

**Absent:** Stephanie Bray, Grace Grow, Allison Munch-Rotollo, Heather Strader

**Guests:** Declan Keogh

Roberta Kramer calls meeting to order 3:30

## Minutes

Meeting Introduction – Roberta Kramer and Declan Keogh

- This Curriculum Advisory Council meeting was called to hear a proposal for an updated textbook for the Psychology College in the High School course. For the past several years, the high school psychology course has offered, in addition to high school credit, college credit through University of Washington (UW). To offer college credit for this course, UW requires textbooks to not be older than five years. The current textbook used at the high school was purchased used and has a published date of 2007. To continue to provide college credit for the psychology course, the high school will need to purchase an updated textbook.

Textbook recommendation presentation

- Pullman High School teacher and psychology course instructor Declan Keogh evaluated two replacement texts following district procedures and presented the CAC with a recommendation. Keogh reviewed an updated version of the currently used book, *Psychology* by Myers, and *Psychology in Your Life* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.), by Grison and Gazzaniga.
- Keogh considered both textbooks good and that each, for the most part, covered the same material. He expressed familiarity with the Myers textbook and the text is used in most colleges. However, University of Washington uses the Grison and Gazzaniga textbook, *Psychology in Your Life*. There is a hard cover version of the textbook and a digital version, but the cost was the same.
- The cost for the books was different. For a class set of 34 books, the cost of purchasing the Myers text would be \$6,187 while the Grison and Gazzaniga text would be \$3,893.
- Keogh recommends the hardcover Grison and Gazzaniga textbook as the book is used by the university providing the college credit and its cost.

CAC member questions

- Council member Kramer asked if a bias screen was conducted. High school principal Crabtree responded that screening was done and included two students and a staff member.
- The council discussed with Crabtree the next steps that would be needed to complete the recommendation process for textbook adoption, including community review and presentation to the school board.
- Council member Conley commented that the material in the recommended Grison and Gazzaniga text is great, and is a college text written to be accessible for high school students.

- Crabtree explained there was initial concern that the hardcover text which is identified as a high school edition was different from the digital or college soft cover version, but found that material is the same. Hardcover copies would be preferred as it should be more durable to reuse each year. There is a digital component to the book, but Keogh found that these did not appear critical to enhancing the material already presented in the text.
- Council member Coke-Sutton asked if there is a movement towards online books or having electronic copies available. Crabtree explained that the high school uses hard copies as they are seen as a classroom resource. Kramer noted that textbook vendors are now requiring the purchase of a digital license as part of the purchase of print material.

Textbook recommendation brought to vote

- The council vote was unanimous and it is recommended that adoption of the *Psychology in Your Life*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. textbook be submitted to the Pullman School Board for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM