

South Portland School Department
K-5 Reading Curriculum Selection Committee
Spring 2015

Notes
5/12/15
3:30 – 5:00 @ SPS room 221

In attendance: Diane L., Tammy N-T., Alexis J., Debbie C., Laura S., Kristin I., Kathy G., Pam C., Margaret H., Kristin O. Stephanie Mc., Nicki R., Ryan L., Lue B.

Norms Reminder

- the group reviewed the norms posted on the board prior to the meeting

Review of notes from 4-28-15

- noted the correction made to the “in attendance’ list

Continue sharing and discussing program ideas

- the K group, gr 1-2 group and the gr 3-5 group met and reviewed the info that had been put into the google do about the programs that had been found/researched by committee members
- the group narrowed the list to 4 programs: Wonders; Journeys; Reading Street; Benchmark Literacy

Discuss schedule/process timeline changes

- Please consider the following question before our meeting:
 - What are the advantages/disadvantages to focusing on K-2 at Kaler for a pilot in the fall and continue the process and discussion about K-5 and whole district through the fall next year?
- the committee revisited just K-2 vs K-5 and the majority of the group felt that if we are going to do this we should do K-5; there also was discussion that there is merit in consistency of instructional language in doing K-5 and whole district
- the group did a thumbs up/thumbs down regarding their individual preference for a program ... the group was divided at this time
- folks want to the showcases asap for these 4 programs but can see that discussions regarding the extent of input for next year can still be fleshed out
- regardless Kaler grades K-2 will have something in place as required by the grant
- group is “ok” with slowing down the process grades 3-5 at Kaler and/or at other spots in district for next year

Meetings:

May 19 - publisher’s showcase and if time allows discuss-define Input and/or firm up board presentation

June 2 - publisher’s showcase

June 8 – 7:00 pm update to Board