

Social Studies SFVC Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, November 14, 2024, 4:00 PM – 5:30PM

Committee Chair/Co-chairs: Peter Ramsey, Howard Libit

Members: Eve Case, Kishanna Brown, Matthew Wilson, Mariam Spalding, Jennifer McDonald, Tracy Oliver-Gary, Claire Blankenfeld, Raleigh Nelson, Caroline Weiss-Stiles, Jon Marketto

Today's Attendees: Peter Ramsey, Howard Libit, Eve Case, Kishanna Brown, Jennifer McDonald, Tracy Oliver-Gary, Claire Blankenfeld, Raleigh Nelson, Jon Marketto, Mariam Spalding, Caroline Weiss-Stiles, Josh Otarola

Next Meeting (Day and Time): December 19, 2024, 4:00 PM – 5:00 pm

Summary:

The SFVC meeting focused on finalizing recommendations for Social Studies frameworks in Maryland. Eleven members were present, establishing a quorum. The roll call vote approved recommendations for each grade level: pre-K through 2nd, 3rd through 5th, 6th through 8th, and 9th through 12th grades. Next steps include a draft report to be reviewed in December, with final revisions and approvals planned for January, presentations to the Board of Education and Education Policy Committee in January, followed by a 30-day public comment period in February. The meeting concluded with appreciation for the team's dedication.

Outline

Roll Call and Quorum Establishment

- Phin welcomes everyone and mentions the objective of the meeting, which is to vote on the proposed recommendations.
- Josh conducts a roll call to confirm attendance and establish a quorum. Eleven members are present, and a quorum is established.
- The minutes from the October 24 meeting are approved without any exceptions.
- Phin outlines the voting process for the recommendations, grouped by grade levels.

Voting on Recommendations by Grade Levels

- Pre-K through 2nd grade recommendations are approved with all members present voting yes.
- 3rd through 5th grade recommendations are approved with all members present voting yes.
- 6th through 8th grade recommendations are approved with all members present voting yes.

- 9th through 12th grade recommendations are approved with all members present voting yes.

Next Steps and Timeline

- Phin outlines the next steps, including a targeted final presentation to the Board of Education in March 2025.
- An initial presentation to the Board of Education and the Education Policy Committee in January, followed by a 30-day public comment period scheduled for February.
- A draft report will be created and reviewed by the group in December, with feedback from other supervisors and directors of social studies.
- Three more meetings are scheduled for January, February, and March, with the possibility of canceling the March meeting depending on progress.

Discussion on Review Process and Report Presentation

- Howard inquires about the review process by the Education Policy Committee and other groups, and the potential for changes.
- Phin explains that the Education Policy Committee will not offer specific content changes but may reject the recommendations.
- Eve asks about the structure of the report, including whether it will include a rationale for each set of changes.
- Phin confirms that the report will include a before and after comparison and that the group will have the opportunity to revise the language and presentation.

Action Items

- Create a draft report of the approved recommendations.
- Schedule meetings in January, February, and March.
- Share the draft report with the group for feedback before the January presentation.
- Present the recommendations to the Board's Education Policy Committee in January.
- Conduct a 30-day public comment period in February.
- Present the final recommendations to the Board of Education in March 2025.

Final Questions and Meeting Adjournment

- Howard asks about the process for responding to public comments during the 30-day period.
- Phin explains that the response will depend on the feedback and will involve collaboration with the MSDE Communications team.
- Phin reiterates the next steps and timeline, expressing appreciation for the group's hard work and dedication.

- The meeting is adjourned with a motion from Jennifer and a second from Raleigh at 4:19 PM.