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### LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

## K-5 Science Review Committee Meeting April 6, 2017

- Introductions and Clock Hours  
Attendees (in blue): Michael Aguilera (LR 3), Carol Best (WM Principal), Kirsten Bourke (WM 5), Chris Cocklin Ray (WM 5), Katy Gibson (WM 1), Rebecca Hedlund (IMS 6 Science), Julie Hovind (Tech TOSA), Moira Hutchinson (NW 4), Nina Kitchen (IP K) Jenny McAlaine (LR Principal), Angela McCann (LR 5), Kara Millsap (Tech TOSA), Sam Moseley (IP 2), Christy Shiers (Parent), Emily Temple (Literacy TOSA), Brigit White (IP Librarian), Meaghan Williams (IP 4)
- Charges of the Committee
  - Develop Curriculum Criteria - in conjunction with Next Generation Science Standards
  - Review Curricula - leading towards adoption
  - Develop Implementation Plan
- Additional Vendor Information
  - Amplify – unit production schedule was explained. Full production will not be complete until summer 2017. This could work with our schedule, but is needed information.
- Review of Extended Rubric – modified EQuIP rubrics
- Review of lessons/units from remaining vendors

Vendor	Presenter(s)
Accelerate Learning – <i>Stemscopes</i>	Paul Riopel/Suzan Morris
Amplify – <i>Amplify Science</i>	Caitlin Dwyer
TCI – <i>Bring Science Alive</i>	Christy Sanders

Committee members reviewed lessons and units by grade level of each of the three curricula.

Summarizing the discussion after the day-long review, Amplify is no longer continuing in the process. Various positives and concerns were raised regarding STEMscopes and TCI that will be addressed in piloting in classrooms, additional questions of the vendors, and visits/conversations with school districts that use the curricula.

- Next Steps
  - Collection of questions for vendors – Committee members developed questions for STEMscopes and TCI. Jennifer will compile the questions and forward them onto the vendors. Jennifer will arrange for an afterschool meeting with each.
  - Pilot of lessons of remaining curricula – Each teacher will pilot a lesson from TCI and STEMscopes. Staff will be timecarded for additional time required to set up lessons, etc.

Committee members will then write up short summaries of their experiences.

- What can I tell my peers? – Information that can be shared: We continue to evaluate the short list of curricula. Development of an implementation plan will be discussed once the curriculum is selected.