

## SSAC Meeting Minutes 2/15/2024

In attendance:

Caroline Rogus

Anjy Cramer

Terrell Fleming

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Agenda:

1.) Vote to approve January minutes - tabled due to lack of quorum

2.) Vote to approve revisions to SSAC recommendations - tabled due to lack of quorum. **\*\*WE NEED A QUORUM IN MARCH!\*\***

3.) Update from Social Studies Department (Terrell)

- Terrell took High School lead teachers to Amazon HQ. The overarching goal was to connect classrooms to the workplace. Amazon employees expressed that writing and general communication skills are very important post-secondary, so we need to prepare our students to become better writers and communicators; amongst other skillsets needed after graduation.
- The vendor fair event at Wakefield went well, but attendance was sparse. Terrell wants to provide hard copies of the new social studies textbooks to teachers. Because VDOE hasn't released final revisions yet to the new social sciences curriculum, textbook providers and the SS department are at a bit of an impasse at the moment. VDOE doesn't take public school system's budgeting processes into consideration, which complicates matters more.

4.) Update on School Board Work Session (Caroline)

- Suggestion for the recommendation based on feedback from work session and ACTL: highlight the need of an elementary social studies specialist to ensure CKLA is not frustrating social studies instruction and find ways to align CKLA with social studies standards.
- Caroline needs to submit draft (even if not approved) by Feb 28 to ACTL.

5.) Looking ahead to new priorities post-Recommendations/Next Year (Caroline)

- We will need consensus on what to focus on for next rec and also for remaining time this year

6.) Since some members are indisposed on Mar 21, the committee proposed to move up the next meeting to Mar 14.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49pm