

## **Advisory Committee on Teaching and Learning (ACTL)**

### **Minutes**

**Syphax Building, rooms 254/256/258**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

**Present:** Bethany Zecher Sutton, Jenny Roahen Rizzo, Anne Paris, Sarah Cruz, Lori Silver, Kerri Hirsch, Dana Downey, Sheila Leonard, Gretchen Hickey, Krista Ratwani, Katie Cochran, Jocelyn Gould, Kate McKenney, Wendy Pizer, Miles Mason, Octavia Johnson, Janet Sater, Jennifer Wheelock, Rachel Berkey, Merrit Gillard.

Attending via Teams: Kristin Devaney, Wendy Pilch, Chris Woolfe, Michael Cieslak, Lindsay Duch, Sarah Evans, Eileen Morrell

**7:00 pm, Welcome/announcements/approve minutes from Nov meeting** (Bethany Zecher Sutton)

**7:10, Debrief Math in breakout groups**

Attendees split into two groups, one focusing on Elementary Schools and one focusing on Middle and High Schools, and discussed feedback on math instruction from their communities. Teams participants also shared feedback with Anne Paris.

**7:30, Transition back to full group and surface comments/suggestions/questions re Math** (Bethany Zecher Sutton)

**7:40, Presentation from English Language Arts Department** (Sarah Cruz and Lori Silver)

Presentation from Sarah Cruz, Elementary ELA Supervisor, and Lori Silver, Secondary ELA Supervisor. Key takeaways from [ELA presentation](#):

--Teachers have new ELA resources:

[CKLA](#), Core Knowledge Language Arts (Grades K-5)

[HMH-Into Lit VA](#) (Grades 6-12)

--The ELA Office is continuing to align instruction with the science of reading and writing and evidence-based practices.

--The ELA Office is supporting and guiding teachers regarding alignment between curriculum, instruction, assessments, and APS resources.

**8:10, Discussion in breakout groups**

Attendees split into two groups for discussion, one focusing on Elementary Schools and one focusing on Middle and High Schools. Teams participants had discussion facilitated by Anne Paris.

**8:25, Meeting wrap up** (Bethany Zecher Sutton)