

4- 9-12 Social Studies Book Adoption- Status update

1. Social Studies Book caravan held in Hermiston January 6th
2. Adoption team members recommended we purchase new books for grades 4-6, Junior High, high school- Team kept in mind instructional and curriculum alignment to the state standards/common core, smarter balanced assessment.
3. Primary grades K-3-felt we did not need to buy new text books... "Recommended we keep or "readopt" current social studies books" Recommended we purchase for each school library "Leveled Readers" for each grade level.
4. During March 9th Secondary Schools Social Studies Professional Learning Community Meeting it was determined that JR. U.S. History, JR. World Full Survey, H.S. Americans Reconstruction, H.S. Modern World , Psychology Principals from Holt publishing were selected by Jr/Sr High Secondary teachers as the ** Teacher preferred books** They generated a book order with costs-
5. Grades 4-6 were give McGraw Hill, Pearson and Holt books to review-- arrived (Mid March) each intermediate site was allowed to review the books for up to 4 days and complete a survey indicating their favored Social Studies Series. On April 19 Mr. Mendoza and Mrs. Shimer met to review the rank order of grades 4-6 books that teachers provided feedback on. Overall McGraw Hill had a more favorable response by one vote or two per grade level. However the Holt books were the second choice. McGraw Hill textbook cost was near 80.00 per book while Holt books were near \$35.00.
6. This Holt book option also allowed for student premium services which provide additional resources in the class and at home and support technology as it increases in the buildings.
7. Pearson, Harcourt and McGraw Hill K-3 leveled literacy readers and book costs were also reviewed by Mr. Mendoza and Mrs. Shimer. It was determined that by selecting McGraw Hill "Timelinks" leveled readers we could order 30 titles of different Historical places and events fiction books and Biography titles per grade level (K-3) to be held in school library for 5,705.00 Leveled Literacy books are guided reading books that will be checked out by the teachers. The books will allow teachers to integrate reading and writing activities in their classroom.
8. **When all factors were combined, Mrs. Shimer and Mr. Mendoza recommended to Superintendent Dirksen to move forward with the Holt book recommendation that our Jr and Sr High schools were asking for; and, make and purchase Holt books series for 4, 5, 6th grade classrooms, which would allow the district to have funds to purchase K-3 Historical fiction/Biogeography leveled literacy for each K-3 library in our district.**