

Michael Cieslak, Kelli Bergin, Katie McNabb Cochran, Jess Mueller, Ginnie Gordon, Jimisha Relerford, Melissa Hyatt, Sam Klein, Heather Toronjo, Kati Costar, Kerri Hirsch, Anne Paris, Emily Chua, Tia Alfred, Jocelyn Gould, Janet Sater, Jill Abbott, Jane Kim (for Todd Truitt), Amy Graham, Jenny Roahen Rizzo

Attending via Zoom: Kate McKenney, Jennifer Goen, Sara Winter, Katherine Garcia-Larner

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The February minutes were approved with no questions or objections.

(Kerri Hirsch, Jennifer Goen,

Sara Winter, Katherine Garcia-Larner)

Kerri Hirsch led a discussion with three APS teachers about literacy instruction. Jennifer Goen teaches at H-B Woodlawn, Sara Winter teaches social studies at WMS, and Katherine Garcia-Larner teaches EL students at ACHS.

(Kerri Hirsch)

Kerri Hirsch gave an overview of the literacy focus of the Office of Academics.

- The Virginia standards are getting updated to reflect the Science of Reading approach; APS is ahead of the curve with its adoption of the CKLA program
- Work is being done on creating vertical alignment of the writing curriculum for grades Pre-K through 12

Meeting attendees broke into two groups, elementary and secondary, to discuss community feedback on literacy instruction in their communities. Each group suggested additions and refinements to the planned memo about literacy to the School Board and APS leadership.