

April 9, 2026- Meeting Notes:

I. Roll Call Attendance

In attendance: Walquiria Ribeiro and Shawn Moses (presenters), Cheri Aiello and Chandler Johnson (XCS parents).

II. Review of Curriculum/Teacher Feedback

Mr. Moses presented a summary of the current Earth Science curriculum and textbook used at Xavier. He explained the concerns the department had with the current textbook, most notably that it presumes students have taken physical science prior to Earth Science and therefore includes information and assumes understanding of content our students have not been taught yet. The textbook's intended audience is home educated students, and frequently feels out of place when used in a classroom.

Mrs. Ribeiro presented the desired new textbook: Inspire- Earth Science from McGraw-Hill. This textbook is written for the classroom and provides clear text and visual charts, graphs, and pictures. She pointed out that the assessments are clearly written. The curriculum has support materials available for the teacher. Career connections and research topics are included in the text as opportunities to consolidate knowledge.

III. Questions

Parents had few questions, and spent time exploring the new materials.

IV. Vote on Curriculum

The committee voted to approve the Inspire- Earth Science textbook and curricular materials from McGraw-Hill.

V. Adjourn