Discovery Review-PMS

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| Strengths | Weaknesses/Challenges |
| A lot of resources are available that go beyond | • They openly admit the platform was designed to |
| the textbook they provide | go along with a physical workbook so they have |
| Discovery is super accommodating and very | had to quickly fix some features to make it more |
| quick to respond to our needs | adaptable for distancing learning |
| Discovery seems willing to create things based | The history side of Discovery was built |
| on what we need as a site | differently than the science side so things are |
| Not only do they provide content but they also | different in terms of functionality |
| provide tons of generic strategies that can be | Not everything is editable when it comes to |
| used for different things even creating different | assignments. Students have to download a pdf, |
| types of assessments | then convert into a doc, write on it, then submit. |
| They offer different levels of assessment | A lot of steps. |
| ranging from multiple choice, short response, | Despite these weaknesses, Discovery has |
| and extended response. They even include the | dedicated resources and people to fixing them |
| DOK levels as well as rubrics for how to grade | |
| the response questions | |
| All the assessments have a Spanish version too | |
| Very easy to use Google Translate to help | |
| translate whole pages | |
| How the curriculum is designed, it is focusing | |
| on many different perspectives of people who | |
| normally don't have a voice in textbooks. BIPOC | |
| are represented, women are represented. It is a | |
| great start to being culturally relevant | |

| • | The Lexile levels are easy to change so |
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| | struggling readers can still get the same |
| | information |
| • | Able to create Studio Boards where we can take |
| | the things Discovery has created and tweak |
| | them to what we need or add even more. |
| • | Ability to follow "Channels" which include so |
| | many amazing resources on what it is we are |
| | focusing on |
| • | Even provides SEL resources, anti-bully |
| | resources, social justice resources, etc. |
| • | Very quick to respond to tech help needs |
| • | Since everything is online right now, Discovery |
| | is very quick in adding thing that will help the |
| | experience of the teacher and student |

Questions or More Info Requested

- Will the level of support Discovery is showing now be the same if we adopt their platform?
- Are the people who built the Science portion of Discovery able to talk with the people building the History portion and help them align the two programs more?

Concerns

• Discovery has been working on addressing our biggest concern which was assignments that were

uneditable for students