



ELD Program Advisory Committee - Minutes

Monday, May 01, 2023 | 3:30-5:00pm | Pioneer Center

Meeting called by: Roberta Kramer, Assistant Superintendent

Members: Roberta Kramer, Jenny Ahn, Jim Bruce, Sandra Casanova, Kelli Dahmen, Jennifer Hamilton, Celeste Hufford

Members Absent: Zulekha Riziki

Call to order: 3:35

Meeting Minutes

Review meeting minutes (February 13, 2022)

Multicultural Night – April 14

- The Pullman High School’s student Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) club hosted a Multicultural Night on April 14 at Pullman High School in cooperation with district ELD staff and, Washington State University International Center. ELD staff assisted preparations with connecting the student group with WSU and reaching out to local paper for the event announcement. The event was also announced in school newsletters home to families.
- There was a variety of food, displays, and entertainment representative of many different cultures. Food was held in the commons, and entertainment was held in the theater.
- The event was a success, and the AAPI students are enthusiastic to host this event next year and serve as event leads.
 - A suggestion was made that this event is advertised as a family event to ensure children are not dropped off without parents.
 - careful planning of event date that takes into consideration student sport events other community events or cultural observations that that could prevent both student planners and community participation in the event. The PHS ELD teacher will work with students in planning and scheduling the event.

Washington Association for Bilingual Education (WABE) Conference – April 27-29

- Both a district secondary and primary ELD teacher attended the annual WABE conference in Bellevue, WA this April. The theme of the conference was collaboration.
- The ELD teachers liked the information provided on collaboration and co-teaching and would like to see the development of those strategies with the general education teacher. The teacher shared the take-aways from a “push-in vs. pull-out” approach. A challenge may be scheduling, but believe it would be a valuable approach to pursue.
- Other sessions discussed language functions and GLAD strategies for sheltered instruction. It was asked if it is possible to bring in a presenter from the conference that shared instruction on how to be culturally responsive.

TESOL 2023 International Convention & English Language Expo – March 21-24

- Several ELD staff attended the convention in Portland, OR. The convention is an international conference geared for educators of K-adult learners.

- One session attended presented on immigrant policies and communicating to Spanish population that schools are safe places, and how to provide support for those families in understanding their rights. The district ELD teacher will look more into this.
- Another take-away shared was the concept of “outrageous love” and compassion in understanding the linguistic journey of language learners. The concept was developed into creating a cultural of belonging as opposed to fitting in.

Title III and TBIP plans

- Discussion of training opportunities moving forward. ELD teachers will be looking into GLAD training. And incorporating GLAD training into professional development days. Staff will continue to pursue working with WSU on ELL endorsement for general education teachers.

Fall Parent Orientation

- There was a request by ELD teachers to be included in the elementary back-to-school nights/curriculum nights.
- 4:40 meeting closed.

Proposed Meeting Dates:

- June 12, 2023 (Monday), 3:30-5 p.m., District Office Community Room