



ELD Program Advisory Committee - MINUTES

Tuesday, February 06, 2024 | 3:30-5:00pm | District Office

Meeting called by: Roberta Kramer, Assistant Superintendent

Members: Roberta Kramer, Jenny Ahn, Majid Al-Hadrami, Sandra Casanova, Kelli Dahmen, Jennifer Hamilton

Members Absent: Jim Bruce

Call to order: 3:35

Meeting Minutes

Review meeting minutes (December 12, 2023)

ELD Newsletter

- The ELD newsletter was distributed electronically to ELD families using ParentSquare in January. The statistics provided by Parent Square reported of the 215 contacts, 201 users were reached; the majority were email users. There were 188 email users and of those 112 are reported as viewing the newsletter. The electronic format also provides links.....
- The committee agreed that electronic distribution of the newsletter for next year.

Parent Survey

- The committee discussed distribution timing and format for the parent survey. This survey has been provided as a take-home paper survey to families in the first half of the school year such as around November. Teachers believed that providing the survey later in the year may be more helpful as families can provide more meaningful feedback after more than a couple months if given earlier in the year. Last spring the committee took this feedback and plans to have the survey sent to families The Friday of elementary parent-teacher conferences, March 15 Through March 22.
- The committee elected to move forward with electronic distribution of the survey as discussed the previous spring. The newsletter was viewed by several families, and it is hoped that the response to the survey will be positive. Jotform is the electronic platform used for the survey as it offers translated abilities to families. A link for the survey will be sent out via ParentSquare.

Upcoming family/community engagement events

- The committee discussed the upcoming multicultural night that is coordinated by the Pullman High School AAPI Club. This is an ASB event is set for April 19 at the high school. Pullman High School teacher Debbie Nakata is coordinating as staff member with the students.
- The committee discussed food and activities planned for the event. There is observance of food handling that ELD Committee chair will look further into and discuss with Debbie Nakata. Program manager will order poster boards for ELD table. ELD teacher Kelli Dahmen did share WSU contact that assisted last year with coordinating university student groups to represent cultures and activities that are not represented in our district population. An example from last year was a fashion show, the City of Pullman Parks and Recreation along with the school district ELD program had a display table with informational flyers and work from middle school students.

Other Items

WIDA

- The committee discussed the progress on administrative of the annual WIDA ACCESS English language proficiency assessment. It was shared that others from around the country who administer the WIDA expressed the test is becoming longer and content does not appear to be at grade level – such as there is reading on the listening portion of the assessment.
- Elementary has begun administering the WIDA ACCESS.

EL Critical Matrix

- Committee members discussed the critical matrix, what are the requirements, staff training, its use as a tool for evaluation.

4:30 Meeting adjourned