

District English Learner Advisory Committee

November 6, 2015

Educational Resource Center

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Bonner Montler called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

2. Welcome Potluck/Breakfast and Introductions

Bonner Montler invited attendees to enjoy the potluck items. He introduced himself, the bilingual assistants, Elvia Mariscal (English Learner Department) and Veronica Estrada (DELAC President).

3. Reading and Approval of September Minutes

Bonner Montler reviewed the minutes from September. Lily Kumke motioned to approve the minutes and Dan Prouty seconded the motion. The committee voted to approve the minutes.

4. Additional Agenda Item

Bonner Montler motioned to add Public Communications to the agenda. Elizabeth Perez motioned to approve the addition and Lupe Brambila seconded the motion.

5. Public Communication

Bonner provided the opportunity to discuss additional items. No one exercised this right.

6. CATCH-UP Plan/Trimester Checklist – Bonner Montler – Coordinator, Assessments and EL Department

Bonner explained how students are monitored using the CATCH-UP plan. The plan shows the results of the CELDT test and district assessments. The schools are currently using unofficial scores to modify instruction. Official results will be available in February. Bonner reviewed a sample CATH-UP plan and explained the information provided. Question: A parent asked, how often the students are assessed. Bonner explained that the assessment process is ongoing. Teachers' assessments occur throughout the year, the district has trimester assessments three times a year, and the state assessment is annually. Question: A parent asked if the district assessments effect a student's CELDT level. Bonner responded that CELDT is determined annually to determine that year's CELDT level. The CATCH-UP plan is used at parent teacher conferences.

7. 1:1 Digital Learning Showcase – Student Keyboarding Program-- Dan Prouty-- Coordinator, Instructional Technology

Dan discussed the upcoming Keyboarding program for grades 2-8. It is an adaptive program with many benefits for students, including increased speed and improved keyboarding skills. Teachers and administrators can monitor progress in the program. Dan Prouty provided

hands-on opportunity to sample the program. The program will adjust based on the skill level and grade level of the student. The program is scheduled to be implemented soon.

8. Mathematics Curriculum Review – Bonner Montler

Bonner explained that the district is currently working with teachers in the district to adapt a new mathematics curriculum. The various programs being considered were displayed for the DELAC committee to view. He invited the committee to examine the materials and complete a questionnaire to provide feedback to the adoption committee. The new adapted curriculum will likely be implemented next fall.

9. Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for December 7th-11th. Modified days will be implemented to accommodate the conference schedule. This is an opportunity to ask questions about your child's learning. Bonner Montler displayed a website, www.colorincolorado.org, which gave tips on how to prepare for your conference. It provided information about what to do before, during and after the conference. Bonner informed the group that legally employers must allow you to attend the parent teacher conference (but they don't need to pay you). Bonner recommended that parents ask about the Catch-Up plan which is a powerful tool to discuss because it shows the appropriate level of expectation for each student.

10. Next DELAC Meeting

The next DELAC meeting will be January 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the ERC.

11. Question and Concerns

No questions were presented at the end of the meeting. Bonner encouraged parents to invite additional parents to upcoming meetings.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.