

Chinese Immersion Task Force

minutes

24 October 2023 | 4:00 - 5:30

Board of Education Room | District Office

15020 Metcalf Avenue

Members present: Melissa Bayouth, Stephanie Byard, Lori Ann Ramsey, Slone Sandmoen, Michael Ganheart, Carrie Myers, Heather Astill, Claire Pan, Matt Wachel, Jenny Cheung, Marisol Cantu, Jim McMullen, Courtney Carlson, Elaine Liou, Melissa Clark, Melissa Hansen, Kelly Ott, Jennifer Luzenske, Katie Collier, Kaci Brutto, Eric Punswick, Tonya Merrigan, Moi Mooi Lew, Jessica Tavelli, Gina Knapp

Members Absent: Melody Shaw, Kristin Ray, Andrea Duffy, Jeff Hurst

Guests: Kyle Hayden, Erik Pollom

Welcome Back & Today's Agenda

Task force members were welcomed by Kelly Ott. The meeting started with a review of norms, goals for the session and assigned roles for small group work.

Data Review

Kelly Ott shared data from the September survey around entry point, type of program, location and other viability ideas with both task force support and administrative viability. Ideas with the most committee support and administrative viability included:

- Entry point
 - 1st grade start with kindergarten Mandarin special in place of Spanish.
 - Kindergarten start
- Location
 - One site that is open to entire district
 - One site, open to entire district with possibility to grow to two sites in the future
- Type of program
 - Maintain 50/50 dual immersion model
- Other
 - Introduce an IDC position focused on supporting Chinese Immersion teachers to be filled with a bi-lingual person
 - Cap first year participation in the program at 50 (currently 54)

Administrative Decision Making

District leaders provided information related to the decision making process with regards to location(s)/site(s), program transitions and communication after the Board of Education provides direction. It was noted that the district is committed to students currently in the

program having the opportunity to complete their K-5 experience if the proposed recommendation includes one site.

The timeline for communication following the November Board of Education meeting was shared.

- Week of November Board of Education meeting: Information about the direction of the Chinese Immersion program
- January
 - Information about program transitions
 - Information about 2023-24 sites
- February
 - Enrollment information
- March
 - Program application and lottery

Potential Proposals

Task force members discussed four potential proposals that incorporate ideas with committee support and administrative viability. Small group work included identifying the advantages and challenges related to each proposal. During whole group discussion, each small group presented their findings.

Task force members electronically ranked and identified support for the proposals. Members completed paper ballots indicating their support of the top-ranking proposal. District administrators did not participate in voting and ranking.

It was determined that Proposal B would be shared with the Board of Education at the November meeting with the following items of note:

- The program would continue with 54 students at entry.
- The district is committed to students currently in the program having the opportunity to complete their K-5 experience.

Future Planning & Closing

Kelly Ott thanked the task force for their work over the past six months.

Task force members were reminded that meeting notes and supporting documents will be sent on Fridays following task force meetings. All task force information will also be available on the task force web page.

Meeting Adjourned