Elementary Chinese Immersion

TASK FORCE

28 March 2023
4:00-5:30 | Blue Valley Board of Education Room
Dr. Tonya Merrigan  
Superintendent

Dr. Katie Collier  
Deputy Superintendent

Kelly Ott  
Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation

Jennifer Luzenske  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction
4:00  Welcome & Introductions
      Dr. Tonya Merrigan & Dr. Katie Collier

4:15  Task Force Process & Product
      Kelly Ott

4:30  Discussion v. Dialog
      Kelly Ott

4:45  Task Force Norms
      Jennifer Luzenske

5:00  First Team Decision
      Jennifer Luzenske

5:15  Future Planning
      Kelly Ott

5:25  Closing
      Jennifer Luzenske

5:30  Meeting Adjourned
Different Roles Represented
- WSE & VPE CI Families
- WSE & VPE CI Teachers
- Board of Education Members
- Non-CI WSE & VPE Families
- Non-CI WSE & VPE Teachers
- Building & District Administration
- Program Leaders/Support
- BOE Curriculum & Instruction Advisory Committee Member
- Blue Valley Education Association (BVEA)

Goal of our Task Force

Role of the Task Force

Meeting Guidelines
Process
We are going to employ a multi-step, thorough process over the next few months to identify options for the BOE to consider that addresses the long-term sustainability of Mandarin instruction in Blue Valley.

Our Process Will Be
Collaborative
Forward-Thinking
Student-Centered
Focused
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Discussion and Dialogue
Conditions for Dialogue

- humility
- hope
- faith
- critical thinking
- love
Discussion

Varying perspectives are presented and evaluated as the team searches for the best idea/view to help make a team decision.

Dialogue

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DECISION
is the outcome.

UNDERSTANDING
is the outcome.
“Norms can help clarify expectations, promote open dialogue, and serve as a powerful tool for holding members accountable.”

(Lencioni, 2005)

**EXAMPLES**

- Participate in the conversation. It is your responsibility to get your voice in the room.
- Ensure equal airtime for all participants.
- Listen and hear one another’s viewpoints—one’s perspective is one’s truth.
Options to Evaluate or Co-create Options
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NOVEMBER 9  BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING
Present Task Force Recommended Options
What *types information or presentations* do our task force need to well-informed in our discussions and dialogue?

What *additional considerations* should be part of our work?
Communication ...

Recapping our work today ...

When we leave this meeting ...
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Thank you.