

# Chinese Immersion Task Force

## meeting minutes



**29 August 2023 | 4:00 - 5:30**

Board of Education Room | District Office  
15020 Metcalf Avenue

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

**Members Absent:** Jeff Hurst, Moi Mooi Lew, Kristin Ray, Andrea Duffy, Melissa Hansen

### **Welcome Back and Review of Agenda**

Task force members were welcomed to the first 2023-24 meeting of the Chinese Immersion Task Force. The task force started with a review of Chinese Immersion current enrollment and enrollment trends, followed by a review of established group norms and goals.

Dr. Jennifer Luzenske previewed the process to understand and evaluate proposals including the roles within each table group.

### **Individual work**

Task force members reviewed proposals and identified 3-5 top ideas that they believed deserved further consideration.

### **Small Group Work**

Task force table groups shared top proposal ideas and identified commonalities and ideas that would enhance the sustainability of the program. Additionally, task force members prioritized top ideas and discussed ideas with the most support. Finally, task force table groups scored each idea based on an alignment rubric which included staffing, licensure, core academics, expenditures and student outcomes.

### **Whole Group Dialogue**

Table groups shared their top ideas with all task force members. Top ideas shared included:

- 1st grade program start
- Bi-lingual IDC
- Mandarin special for all students at Chinese Immersion schools
- Change program model from 50/50 immersion to 80/20 or 90/10

- Two immersion school locations open to all Blue Valley students
- Signature school that only has Chinese Immersion classes
- One, centralized location with enrollment open to all Blue Valley students
- Maintain kindergarten start to Chinese Immersion program
- Maintain 50/50 immersion model

### **Future Planning & Closing**

Dr. Jennifer Luzenske thanked the task force for their work reviewing proposals. Task force members were asked to further consider sustainability and support of each idea shared during whole group dialog. Luzenske asked that remarks be sent to district administration prior to the September meeting.

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.

The next meeting is scheduled at 4 p.m. on Sept. 19.