

Columbine Visioning Meeting Notes

April 28, 2009

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of our work from last week
- Clarification
- Question and Answer
- Moving toward strategic goals
- Language acquisition and development
- Instructional processes and structures
- Data and assessment
- Next meeting and session evaluation

Notes:

A discussion occurred on translation for tonight, shall we use the equipment or do simultaneous? The group consensus was to do simultaneous.

The committee asked if all information (meeting notes, agendas, etc.) could be sent electronically before meetings.

The committee introduced themselves to Richard Garcia, another facilitator joining the committee.

Discussion occurred around the three topics:

- Language Development and Acquisition
- Instructional Processes and Structures
- Data and Assessments

The Committee noted that many items were similar and some items listed were terms not known to all members. A question and answer session regarding those terms took place. Jeff Wein stated that he will group the similar items together and resubmit to the committee.

Dr. Kathy Escamilla was in the audience tonight and the committee asked her questions on literacy squared (L2). Dr. Escamilla answered some general questions regarding L2 and how it works. She also discussed that she would be happy to return to discuss further information and bring data.

The committee has requested information on the following:

- Would like information and data on Literacy Squared including promising practices from Kathy Escamilla
- We would like data such as: assessment from last year; how are kids doing in the subject of bilingualism and core areas

- Would like some additional experts in the various disciplines such as math, science, etc.
- Additional questions:
 - Has funding been cut for Spanish as a Second Language, small math groups and TAG
 - Will the superintendent value what we have decided?
 - Where are we supposed to be in the next two meetings? (outcomes)
- Sue is willing to talk to Anglo parents about what happens at Columbine
- Will you send home agenda, minutes and list that was generated to everyone on the committee

Jeff asked the committee what were the positives and negatives of tonight's meeting.

Positives:

- Translation
- Room set up
- Large group
- Building community
- Didn't focus on agenda

Negatives:

- Identify what we want first
- Regain big picture
- Stay on task/vision
- Time limits on agenda
- Stick to agenda, not introduce another speaker
- Mediators need to listen to proposals from committee