

English Language Learner Advisory Committee Meeting
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July 28, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Paulette Carlson–Lamoure Public School District; Casaundra Francis–Dickinson Public School District; Andrea Dulski–Buchol–Mayville State University; Ivona Todorovic–Grand Forks Public School District; Wendy Sanderson–Bismarck Public School District; Lodee Arnold–NDDPI; Jill Frohlich– NDDPI; Lucy Fredericks–NDDPI; Kay Mayer–NDDPI

- **Update on Title III Allocations** – Funding/allocations were delayed as the NDDPI wanted to be sure to receive all intents including the refusals. Final allocations will be sent out shortly with more districts wanting Title III funds.
 - Reallocated Funds Policy–Districts have 27 months to use the funds. If district do not use the funds, the money goes back.
- **Update on State ELL Grant** – The 2015 Legislative session approved \$1,000,000 for the biennium with a maximum of \$500,000 the first year to be allocated to the top four districts with the highest population of levels one and two English proficiency of ELs. The four districts that received funds are: Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and West Fargo. The numbers are based on the average daily membership from the previous year. The NDDPI will get the final ADMs in November.
- **Update on STEEP (Refugee)** – The grant will end in August 2016, but there will be an extension grant which will allow funds to be used from August 15th to September 30th to help the transition between the grant switching to LSS.
- **Update on ESSA**
 - The ESSA committee is currently meeting and working on a state plan. The members of the committee can be accessed on the NDDPI website under ESSA. If you would like to provide input, please contact Lodee, Jill, or any member on the committee.
 - Entrance and Exit Criteria – One major EL item in ESSA will be creating standard entrance and exit criteria. The department, ELPAC, and ESSA committee will be working on this in the fall.
 - Dashboard – One of the requirements of ESSA is a standard way to provide information to parents. The ESSA committee is considering a “dashboard” on each district.
 - Continuous School improvement – The ESSA plan is currently focused on continuous school improvement.
 - Continue ESSA/NCLB for this year – For the 2016-2017 school year, districts and schools will continue to follow the regulations under NCLB. Title III/ELL monitoring will occur as in previous years.
- **Feedback requested on STARS System** – Members were asked for input regarding recurring issues NDDPI is having with districts reporting in STARS. Some of the items were: no plan manager, no ILP date, no heritage language, etc. Suggestions as follows:
 - Provide more training, consider who we need to train – business managers, data coordinators, or others?
 - WebEx training in collaboration with PowerSchool? Include instructions on how to upload from STARS to PowerSchool.
 - Checklist for districts.
- **WIDA Discussion**
 - WIDA Screener is now available for grades 1-12 in paper format. The online format will be available in late October 2016. There are many benefits to utilizing the WIDA Screener. There is a cost associated with the paper form of the assessment. W-APT will still be supported through the 2016-2017 school year. MODEL and ALT ACCESS are still available. Many states are waiting until the 2017-2018 school year to implement

WIDA Screener. Lodee would like feedback if North Dakota should implement WIDA Screener this year.

- The ELLPAC suggested NDDPI allow districts to use the screener(s) of their choice for the 2016-2017 school year.
- WIDA assessment training input was requested of the members. Previously WIDA staff provided on-site training and teachers had to do online updates to speaking every 2 years. However, districts did their own training as well, because teachers didn't seem prepared after this training. Therefore, funds could perhaps be better allocated for professional development in other areas. Lodee proposed training be done using the WIDA online modules and MODEL DVDs/CDs as applicable and perhaps suggest teachers observe other teachers administering assessments until they feel comfortable administering on their own.
 - Who is qualified to administer?
 - WIDA Screener online portions (listening/reading): Certified Teacher
 - WIDA Screener Paper version and any portions locally scored (writing/speaking) - ELL Teacher only
 - MODEL (paper): ELL Teacher only
 - ALT ACCESS: ELL Teacher only
 - ACCESS 2.0
 - Online sections: Supervised by ELL Teacher
 - Paper sections: ELL Teacher only
- **Update for ELLPAC:** The ELLPAC committee will be restructured to ensure diverse geographic and organizational representation. This will begin in August 2016 so the group will see this process taking place.
- **Professional Development**
 - August 9, 2016 – New Title I and ELL Teacher Training – Ramada Hotel Bismarck, ND
 - September 22-23, 2016 – Differentiation for Linguistically Diverse Students – Baymont Inn Mandan, ND
 - October 12-14, 2016 – NDDPI Fall Educators Conference – Bismarck Event Center – Bismarck, ND
 - November 9-10, 2016 – Dakota TESL Conference – Avalon Events Center – Fargo, ND
 - December 7-8, 2016 – Lesson Planning – Courtyard Marriott – Bismarck, ND