

ENGLISH MASTERY COUNCIL STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2017

9:00 AM

Meeting Locations:

Video/Telephonic Conference

OFFICE	LOCATION	ROOM
Department of Education	9890 S. Maryland Pkwy Las Vegas, NV	Bristlecone Conference Room
Department of Education	700 East Fifth Street Carson City, NV	Board Room

Call to Order

Blakely Hume, Education Program Professional, NDE Office of Student and School Supports, called to order, from Carson City, the meeting of the English Mastery Council Standards and Curriculum Subcommittee, at 9:07 AM on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Roll Call

Council secretary Susan Johnson conducted a roll call. **Quorum was established (three members present)**

Council members present in Carson City: Maija Talso

Council members present in Las Vegas: Lorna James-Cervantes and Nancy Brune (telephonically)

Absent Council Members: No absences; two Council members were present and one telephonically.

NDE staff present in Las Vegas: Sophia Masewicz

NDE staff present in Carson City: Blakely Hume and Susan Johnson

There was no public attendance in Carson City or Las Vegas.

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Blakely Hume, Education Program Professional

Public Comment #1

There was no public comment from Carson City or Las Vegas.

Election of Standards and Curriculum Subcommittee Chair

Blakely opened the floor for nominations. Maija Talso stated she had served as the previous subcommittee Chair. She nominated herself to continue as Subcommittee Chair. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Nancy Brune motioned to elect Maija. Lorna James-Cervantes seconded the motion. The vote to elect Maija was unanimous. Maija Talso was elected Chair of the Standards and Curriculum Subcommittee of the English Mastery Council for the 2016-17 school year.

Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2014 Meeting

Blakely explained that at the end of 2014, the Council's administrative assistant left the Department of Education for a position in another State agency. Minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting were not prepared, as the Council's administrative support position was not filled until January, 2015.

Motion: Lorna motioned to continue the meeting without Minutes, as they were not formally prepared after the November meeting. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting continued without approval of Minutes.

Approval of Flexible Agenda

Subcommittee Chair Maija Talso asked for a motion to approve a flexible Agenda.

Motion: Nancy motioned to approve a flexible Agenda. Lorna seconded the motion. Motion carried and a flexible Agenda was approved.

Review and Discussion of Nevada's English Language Development (ELD) Standards

Blakely reported that NDE has been short-staffed for over a year and there have been changes in Council membership, as well. Blakely stated that the Legislative Council Bureau had agreed to revise draft language on district policy legislation to align with ESSA requirements. Blakely stated that on February 20, 2014, the full EMC talked about the Standards and Curriculum Subcommittee's action plan and using WIDA Standards. He reported there were many resources presented at the first Standards and Curriculum Subcommittee meeting on October 7. A framework for English language proficiency was discussed, and a document of comparative states was reviewed. Blakely added that at the Subcommittee meeting on November 10, 2014, the recommendations to submit to the State Board of Education on December 11, 2014, were discussed.

Maija stated that the administrative leads in Washoe County are not aware of the existence of the standards. She asked if other Nevada counties are aware of the standards and what is happening in Clark County? Blakely and Maija discussed the appropriate individuals who should have the responsibility to present the new standards. Maija believes it should be up to the district superintendents to announce the new standards. Lorna states it should be the responsibility of the EL Directors to roll out the information to district personnel. She advised that the framework is built into the Master Plan in Clark County.

Sophia commented she believes that EL Directors are aware of the State Standards. However, the standards have to be developed from framework, and states actually develop the framework for the WIDA Standards. She stated that districts develop the curriculum that would incorporate the Standards. Lorna recommended including the ELL members from school districts, principals, teachers, and members of curriculum development. Sophia stated that ELL standards should be in all curriculum.

Action Steps for Standards and Curriculum Subcommittee

A work group or task force organized by NDE was discussed, to bring forth a framework that the subcommittee and EMC would approve to move forward. Maija confirmed that NDE would be charged with the arrangement of the task force. Details for a task force, including venue, was discussed.

Lorna agreed that arrangements should be made to move forward with the work group. She stated that the stakeholders should be principals or site administrators, district ELL personnel, EL teachers and general education teachers, district level curriculum and instruction personnel, state level curriculum personnel, and representatives from RPDP. The size of the group was discussed. Using an outside facilitator was discussed. Maija would like to start with a leadership team of 15 people for a first meeting.

Use of the English Mastery Council budget to pay a facilitator was discussed. Lorna recommended individuals from WestEd who have a national view of the EL work within the nation. Lorna stated that early June, possibly the second week, may be the best time to plan the workgroup. It was felt that the workgroup may need more than one session.

Motion: Maija asked for a motion to create a leadership team and NDE staff would help facilitate the invitations for the team. Lorna motioned that NDE be charged with creating a small workgroup of district EL and curriculum leaders and state EL and curriculum leaders to assist in the creation of a framework and research the availability of a facilitator so that the EMC can begin creation of the standards framework for the State of Nevada. Maija seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sophia suggested that the facilitator work with the larger group of approximately 60 stakeholders. The dates of the first workgroup were discussed. Lorna suggested the second week in June, or possibly sometime in May to hold the event, and stated that it will most likely take more than one session. She suggested having the same facilitator attend both workgroup meetings. The length (number of days) of the event was discussed.

Actions steps were summarized.

- 1) Standards workgroup with NDE staff in June
- 2) Leadership workgroup meet in June or late fall 2017
- 3) Larger group of stakeholders to give feedback
- 4) Standards framework document ready by spring 2018 to approve
- 5) Present to State Board of Education in late spring

Proposed Future Subcommittee Dates

Sophia suggested doing a conference call with the chosen facilitator prior to the leadership team meeting. Lorna and Maija agreed. Maija will arrange a date after the facilitator is selected. Lorna informed that she will be out of state from June 9-13.

Public Comment #2

There was no public comment in Carson City or in Las Vegas.

Adjournment

TESL Subcommittee Chair, Maija Talso, adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.